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Spatio-Temporal Analysis in Archaeology

What does it mean?

“ANALYSIS”

Distinction and separation of parts of a whole in order to know their principles, elements, etc.

Qualitative and quantitative examination of certain components using specialized methods

Study of limitations, characteristics and possible solutions to a problem

What does it mean?

SPATIAL “ANALYSIS”

Can we distinguish and separate parts of “space” to get to know its principles, elements, etc..?

Can we examine qualitatively and / or quantitatively the “spatial components” using specialized methods?

Is "space" a problem whose possible solutions can be formally addressed?

What is this thing we usually call
“space”?

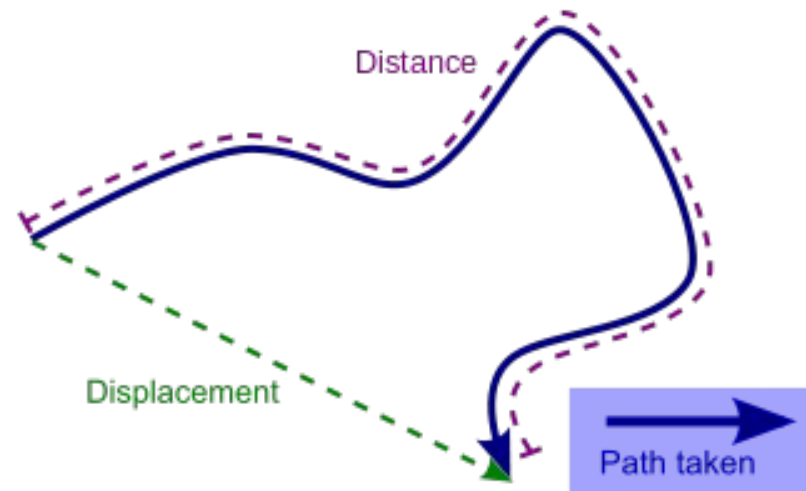
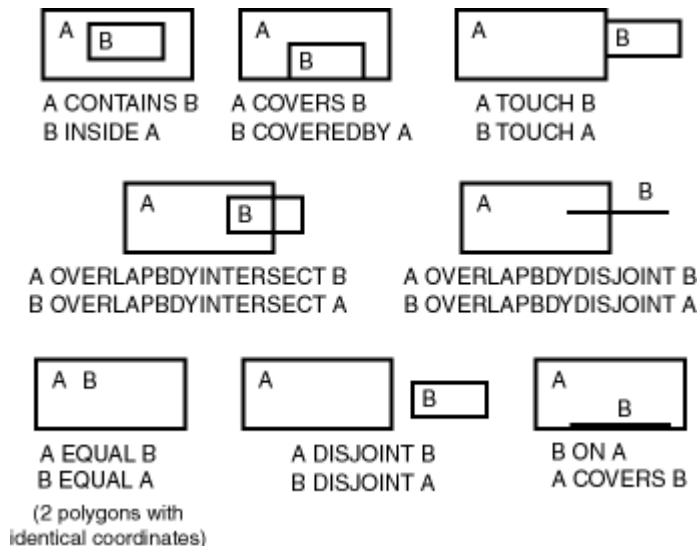
There is a relational structure called "space" because we move around some things and things can move or be moved around us



If we do not move, or things around us remain fixed, we hardly had an idea of "space"

“Space” does not exist as a physical thing, but physical relationships I have with things around me

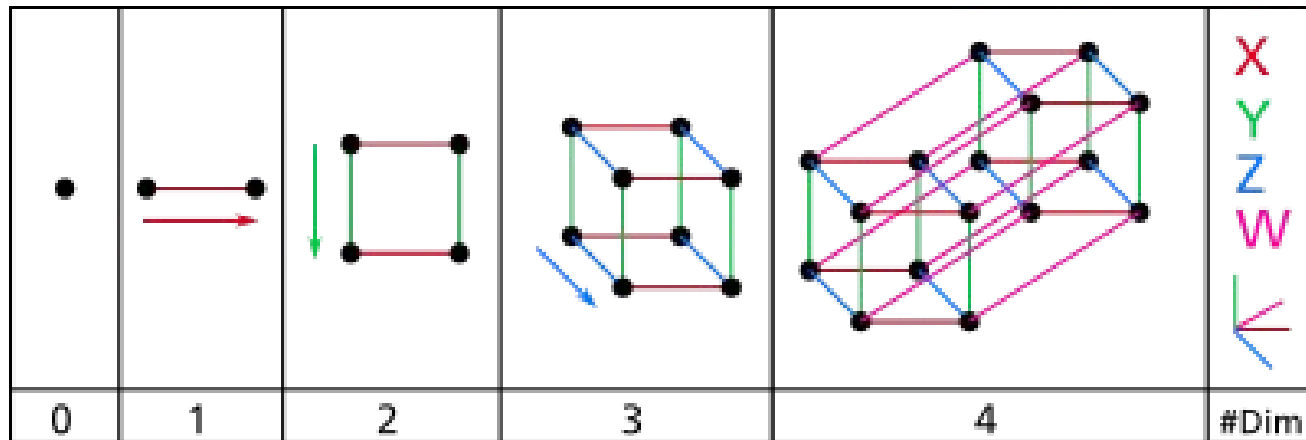
The idea of DISTANCE



in mathematics, the distance between two points in Euclidean space is equivalent to the segment length of the straight line joining expressed numerically. In more complex spaces, as defined in the non-Euclidean geometry, the "shortest path" between two points is a straight segment.

“place” (location) is NO INTRINSIC PROPERTY TO OBJECT, BUT
FEATURES OF THE OBSERVATIONAL ACT

In general , in a physical system or otherwise, the term position is
used to refer to distinct physical condition or situation that the system
exhibits . This is common to speak of the position of the system in a
diagram that illustrates the system state variables

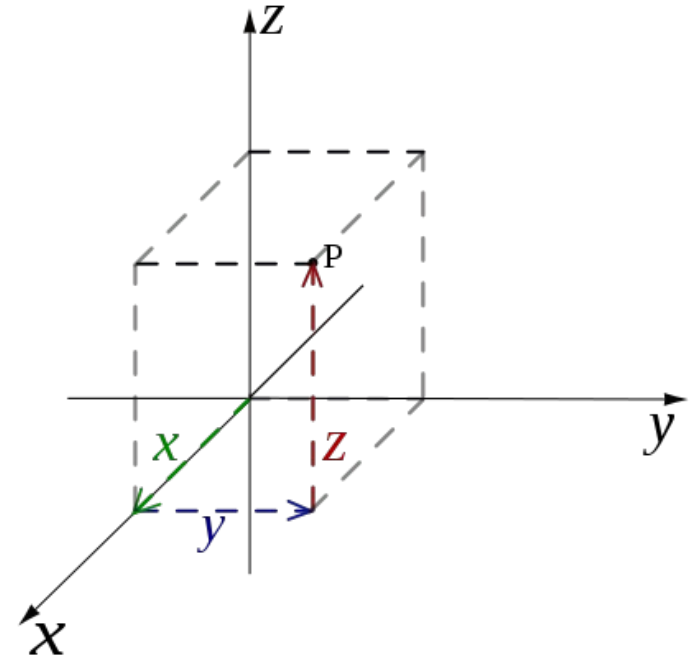


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In physics , the position of a particle indicates its location in space or space - time. It is represented by coordinate systems.

In classical mechanics , the position of a particle in space is represented as a vector quantity with respect to a reference coordinate system.

In general relativity, the position is not representable by a Euclidean vector, as in the space-time is curved in such a theory , so the position must necessarily be represented by a set of arbitrary curvilinear coordinates , which generally can not be interpreted as the



In quantum mechanics, the representation of the position of a particle is even more complex due to non local effects related to the problem of measurement of quantum mechanics

What about “Time”....?

...has it anything to do with “space”

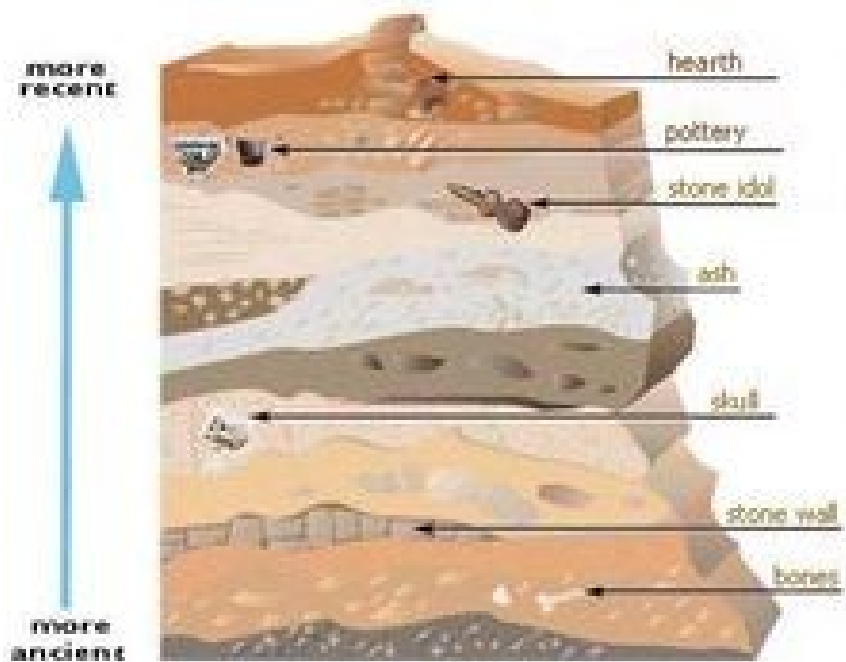
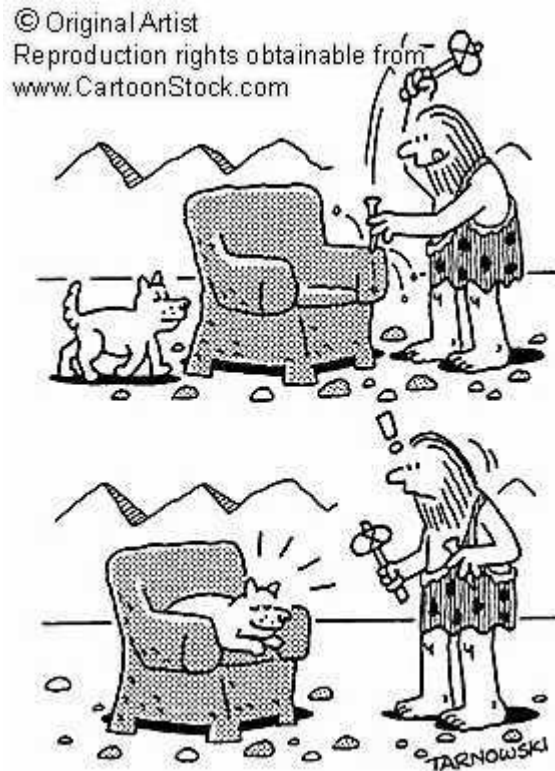
“Moment” (temporal position) is NO INTRINSIC PROPERTY TO OBJECT, BUT FEATURES OF THE OBSERVATIONAL ACT

A temporal event is an expression of the fact that some kind of social activity has taken place somewhere, and that, therefore, there is some *f* characteristic.



we also assume that this location is in a state *s* or the characteristics that define that state have changed or remain stationary (no change).

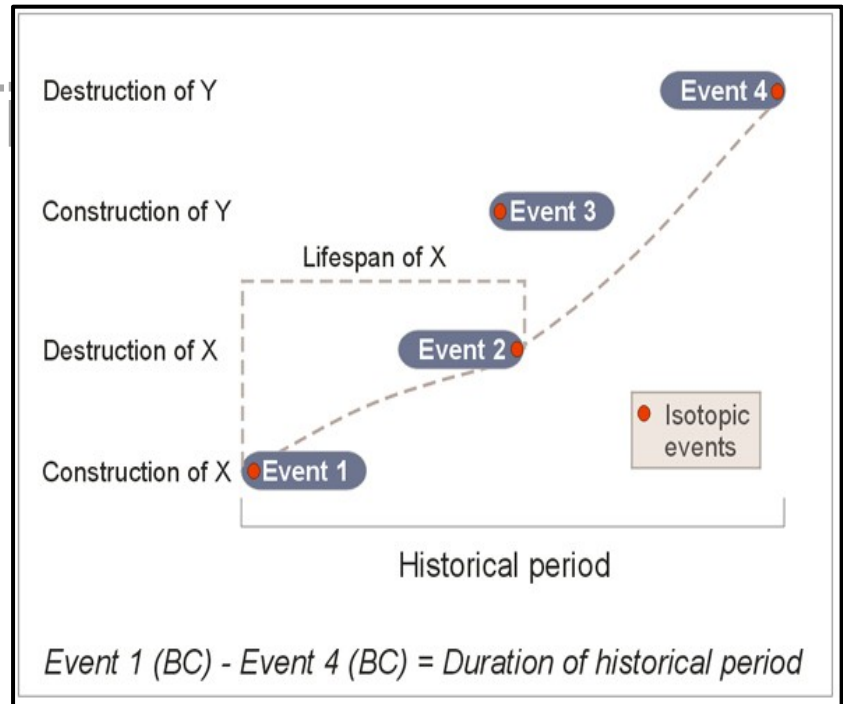
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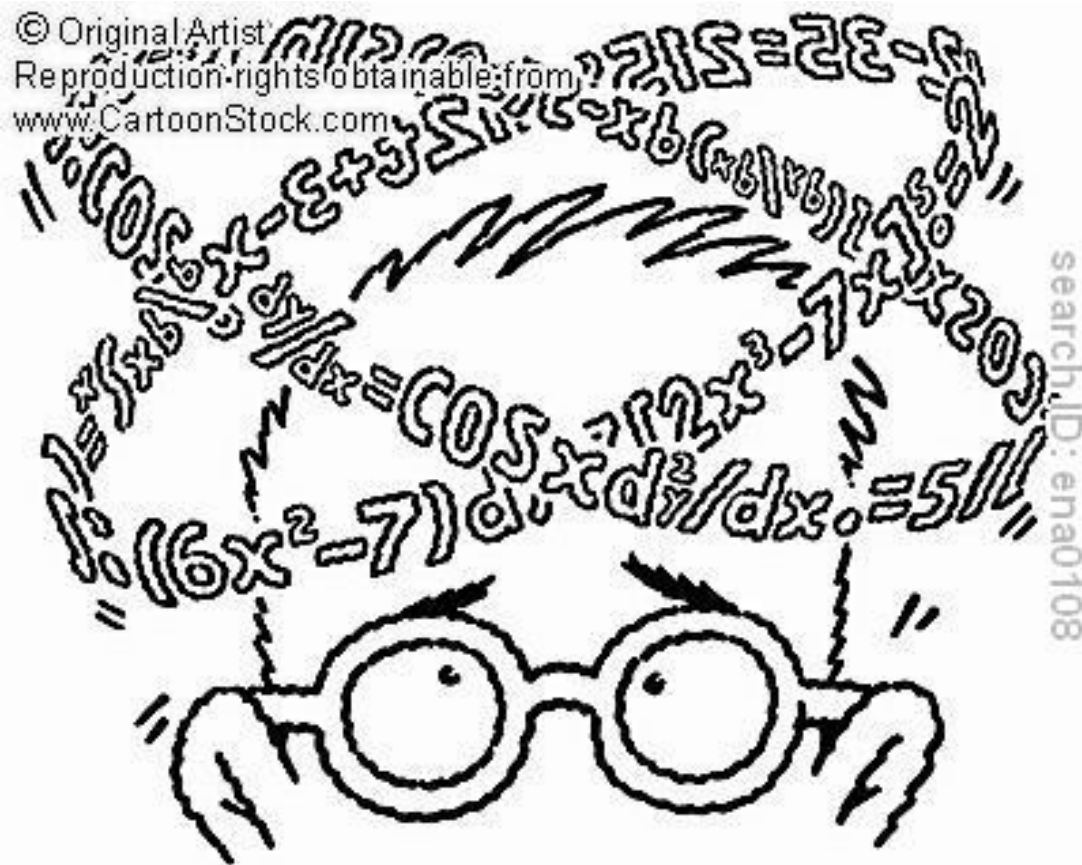
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Sequence
Duration



Consequently, if “space” and “time” exists only in our brain.....

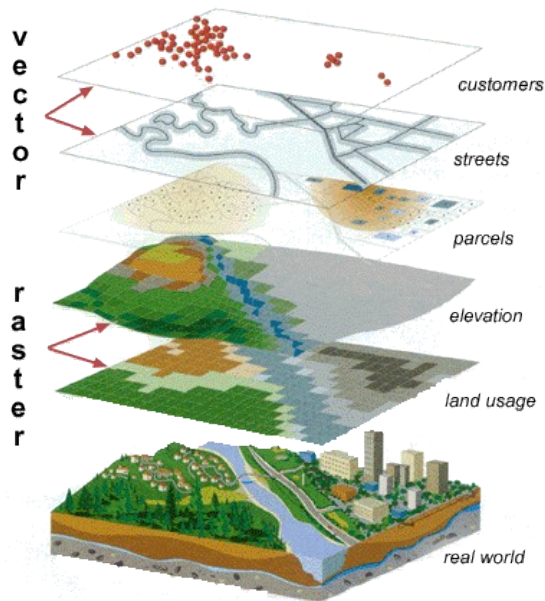


What does it mean “spatio-temporal analysis”

Let's try to “analyze” space

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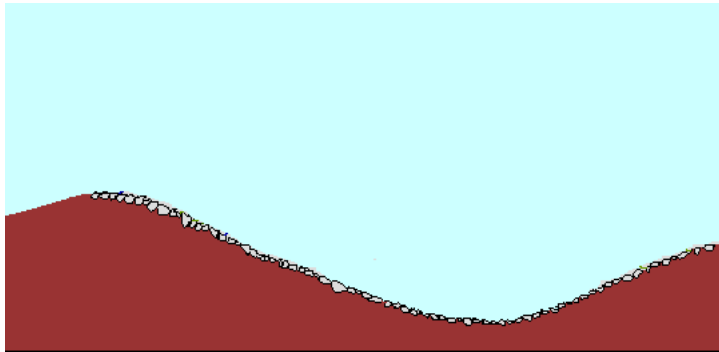


The problem of spatial decomposition:

The definition of SPATIAL VARIABLES

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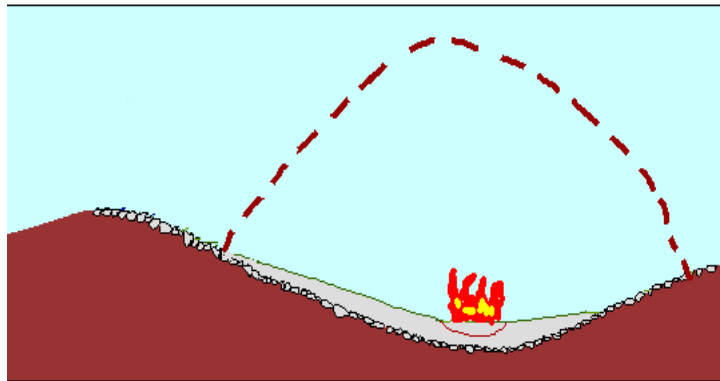


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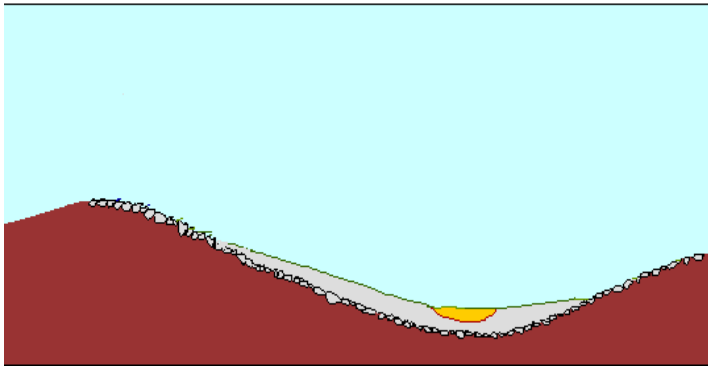


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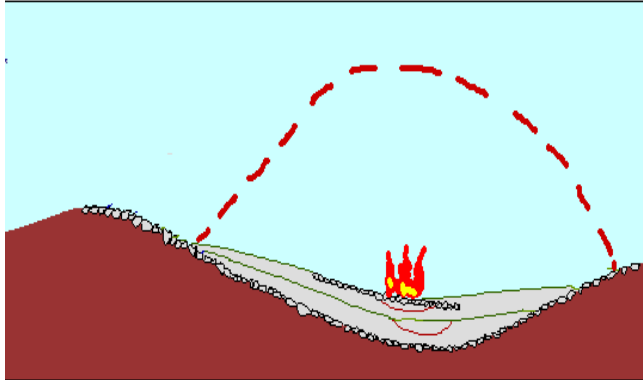


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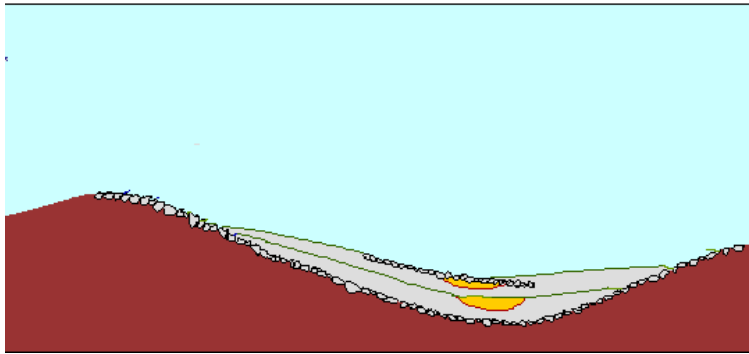


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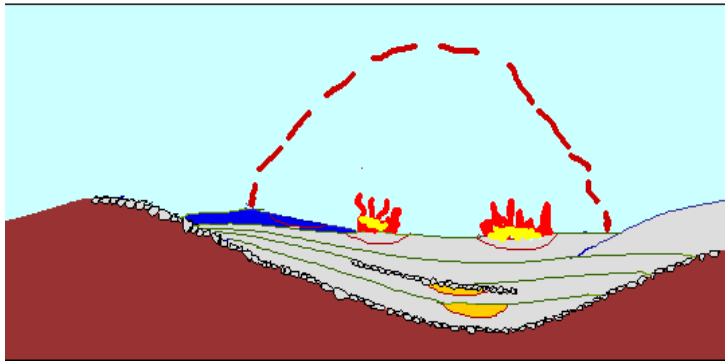


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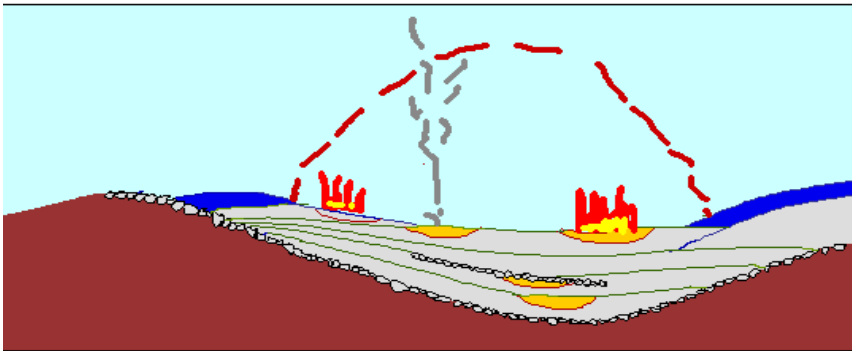


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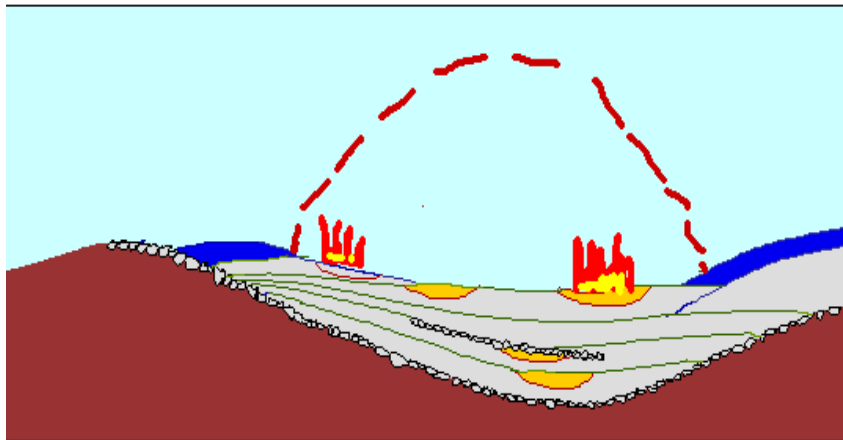


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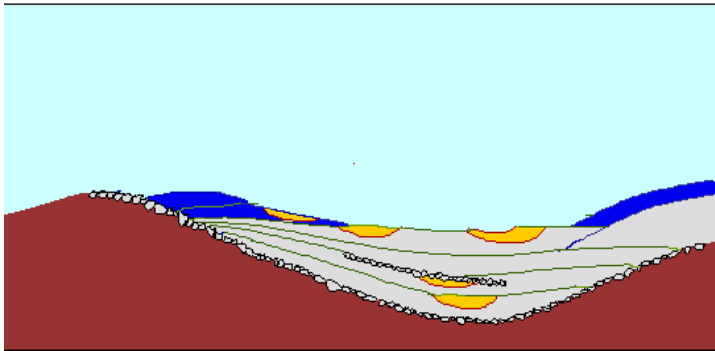


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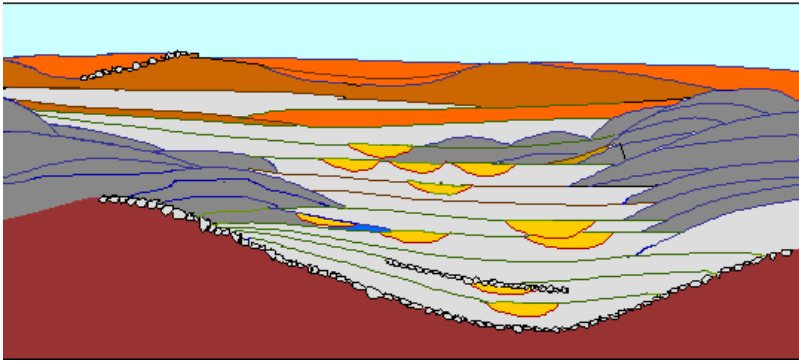


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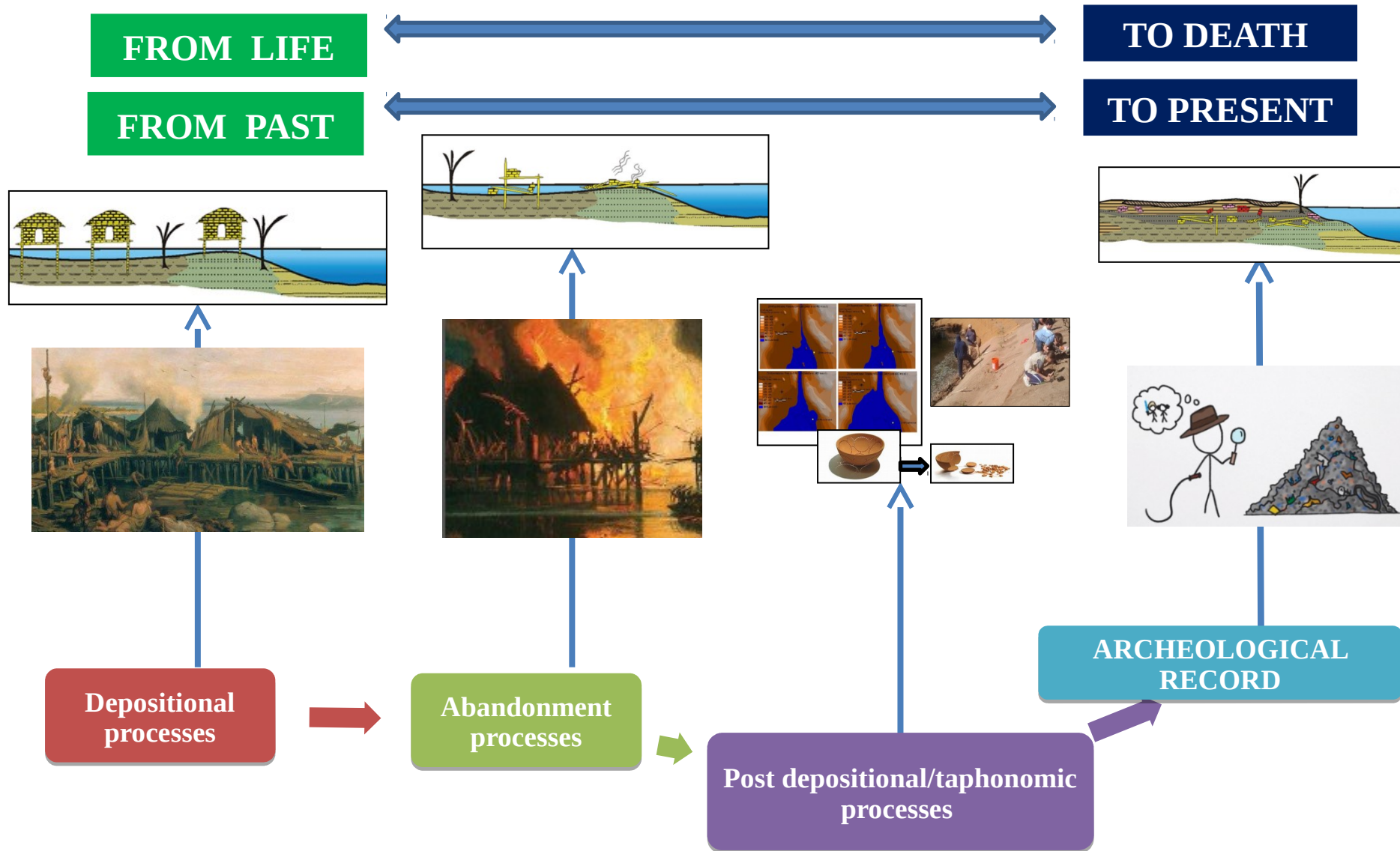
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THE FORMATION AND DEFORMATION OF PREHISTORIC LAKESIDE SETTLEMENT



Let's try to “analyze” space-time

1



Archaeological Space-Time:

Intersection of social agents, social activities and natural processes in space and through time.

Thousand of ways to decompose space into individualized variables:

Let's try to “analyze” space-time 1



**Archaeological Space-
Time:**

• **ABUNDANCE OF WELL
IDENTIFIED**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL
CATEGORIES:
DATA**

COUNT

• **PRESENCE
UNCOUNTABLE
ELEMENTS:
STRUCTURES**

OF

BUILT

• **ABSENCE:
IMPORTANCE OF
SPACE.**

THE

EMPTY

Let's try to “analyze” space-time 1

Can we distinguish and separate parts of
“space” to get to know its principles,
elements, and laws?



What is around me?
What has been changing since the
very beginning?
Identification of observed
discontinuities.

*Theory of Observation: Physics,
Chemistry,
Biology, Geology.*

Let's try to “analyze” space*time 2

Can we examine qualitatively and / or quantitatively the “spatio-temporal components” using specialized methods?

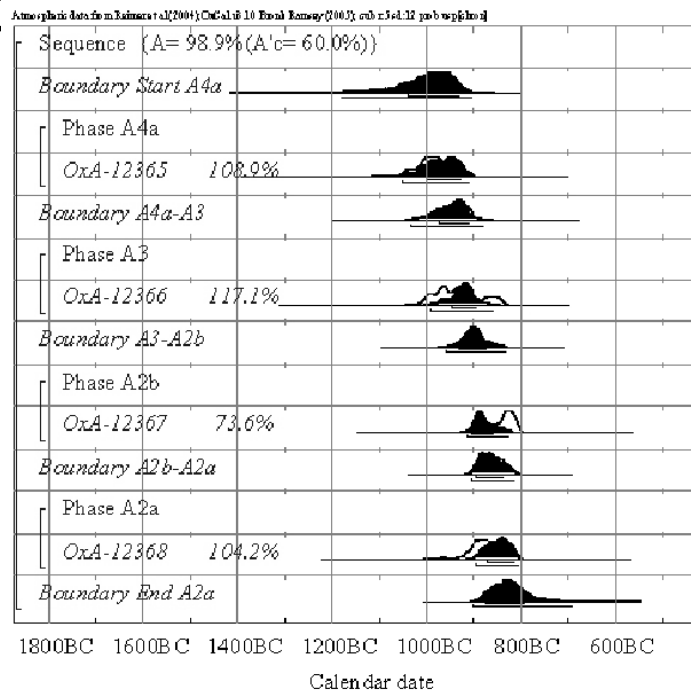


"Measuring" space implies defining and quantifying the distance between objects that are “different”.

Let's try to “analyze” space*time

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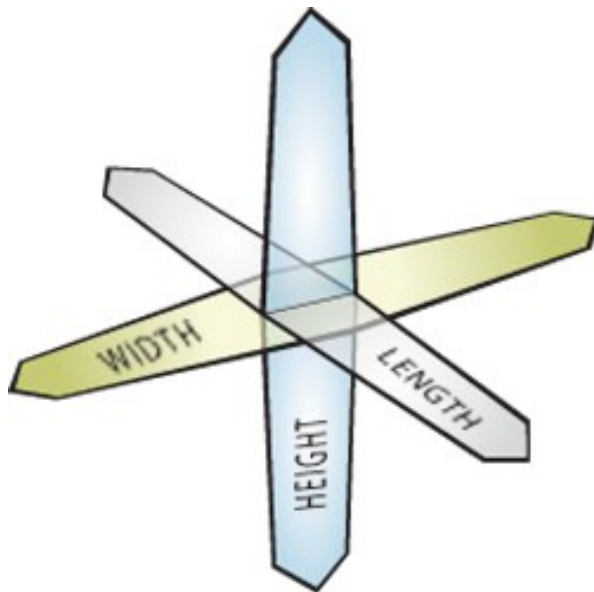


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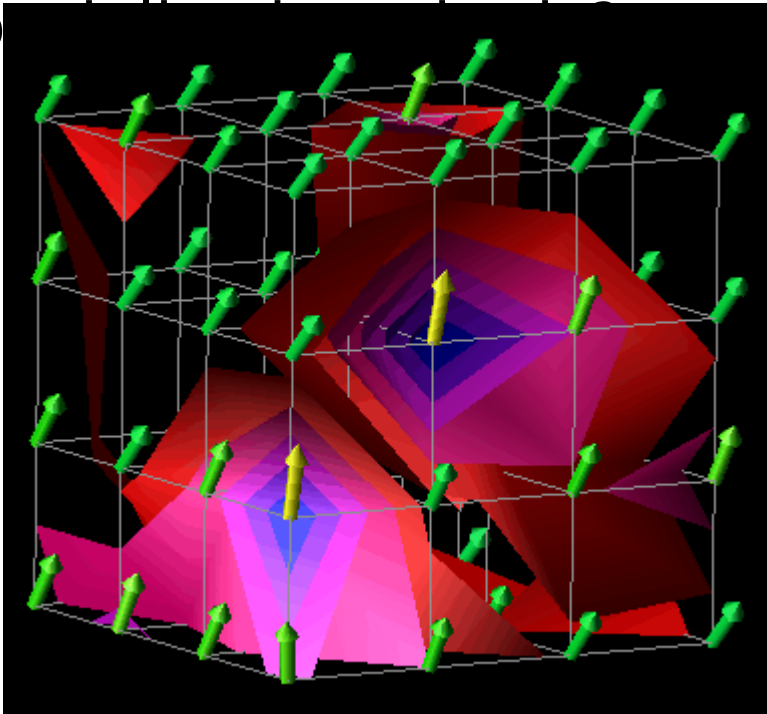
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The relevance of the 3 dimensions as the simplest representational schema. Below 3 D complete representation of space is impossible.

Let's try to “analyze” space*time 2

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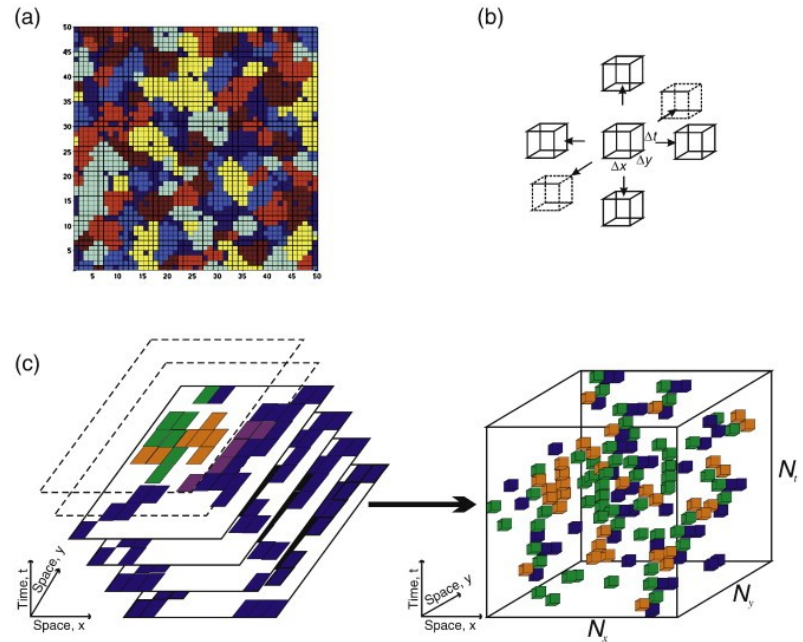
If we add Time (2 Dimensions), the minimum for representing archaeological space-Time is 5 Dimensions.

Representing Archaeological Space-Time

Each archaeological event will be represented as a five-dimensional vector

$$S_i(x, y, z, t_1, t_2)$$

Formally speaking, we represent five dimensions as successive four-dimensional matrices ($\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, S_i$) for all temporal locations in the sequences.



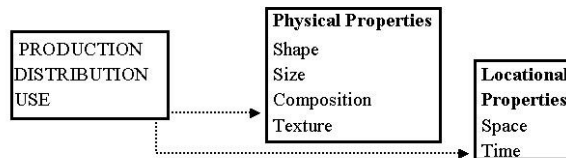
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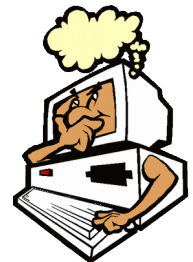
Problem Solving in Archaeology

Social Action → **Archaeological Record**



Causes

Effects



The Nature of the Archaeological problem

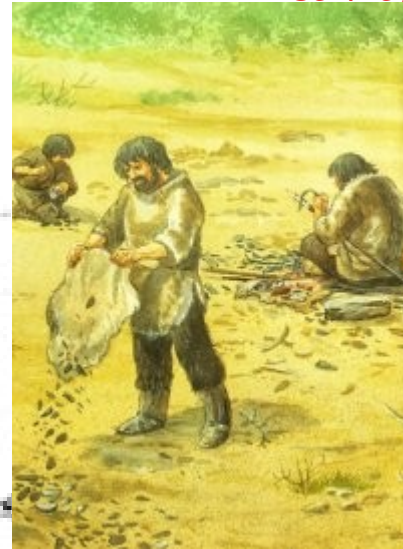
Where activity X occurred?



Archaeological observables are not the activity, but something generated indirectly during the occurrence of the activity

The Nature of the Archaeological problem

Activity X took place there!



Intuitively: where count data are the more abundant

Why X occurred HERE and THEN?



Because “fire” happened there
And then



Why fire burned logs
there and then?



Because HE was also There and T



The research process

Explaining why social action
took place there and not
elsewhere

Simulating the results
of social mechanisms

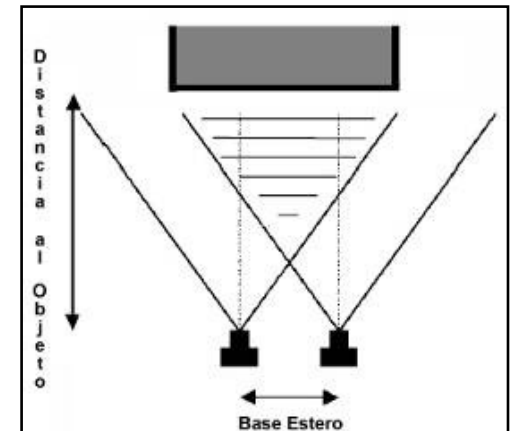
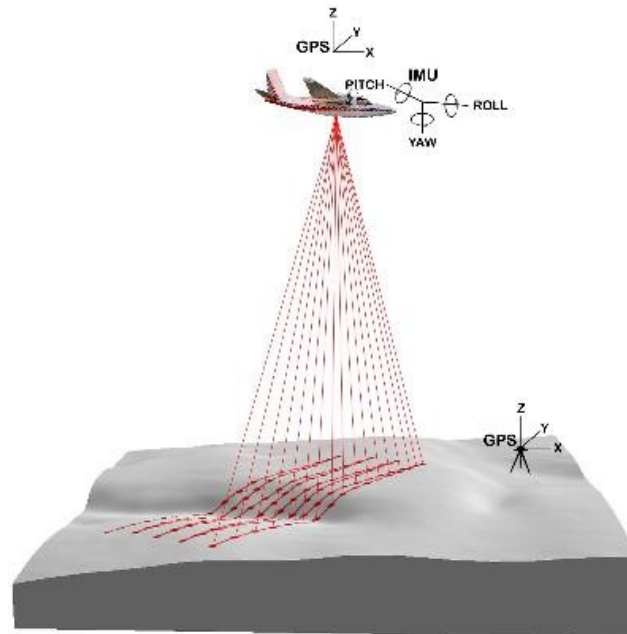


Measuring spatial-
temporal variability

Observing
the
archaeologic
al record



Measuring space



Archaeological Excavation

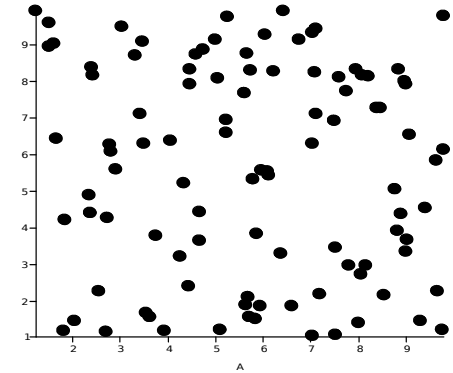
FREQUENCY
intensity



FORM
Interfacial boundary

Counting

• Enumeration of archeological evidences within the same variable or unit



Frequency

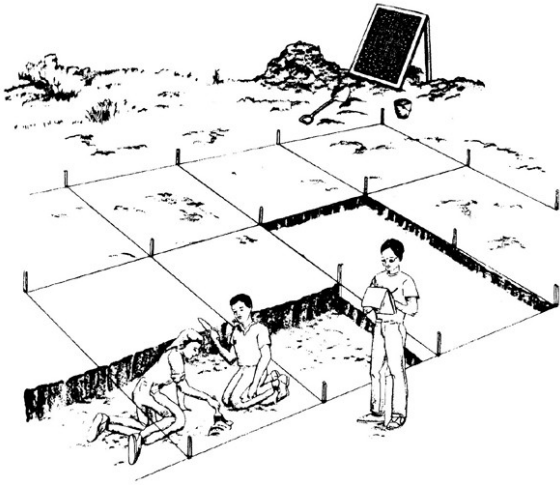
•The intensity of action (its repetitions) took place in the past within a spatio-temporal unit, detectable through the material consequences in the archaeological record

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Frequency of archaeological data:
an *accumulation* of some material items on the ground surface where the action took place or as the *intensity* of the action.

Additional Difficulties.

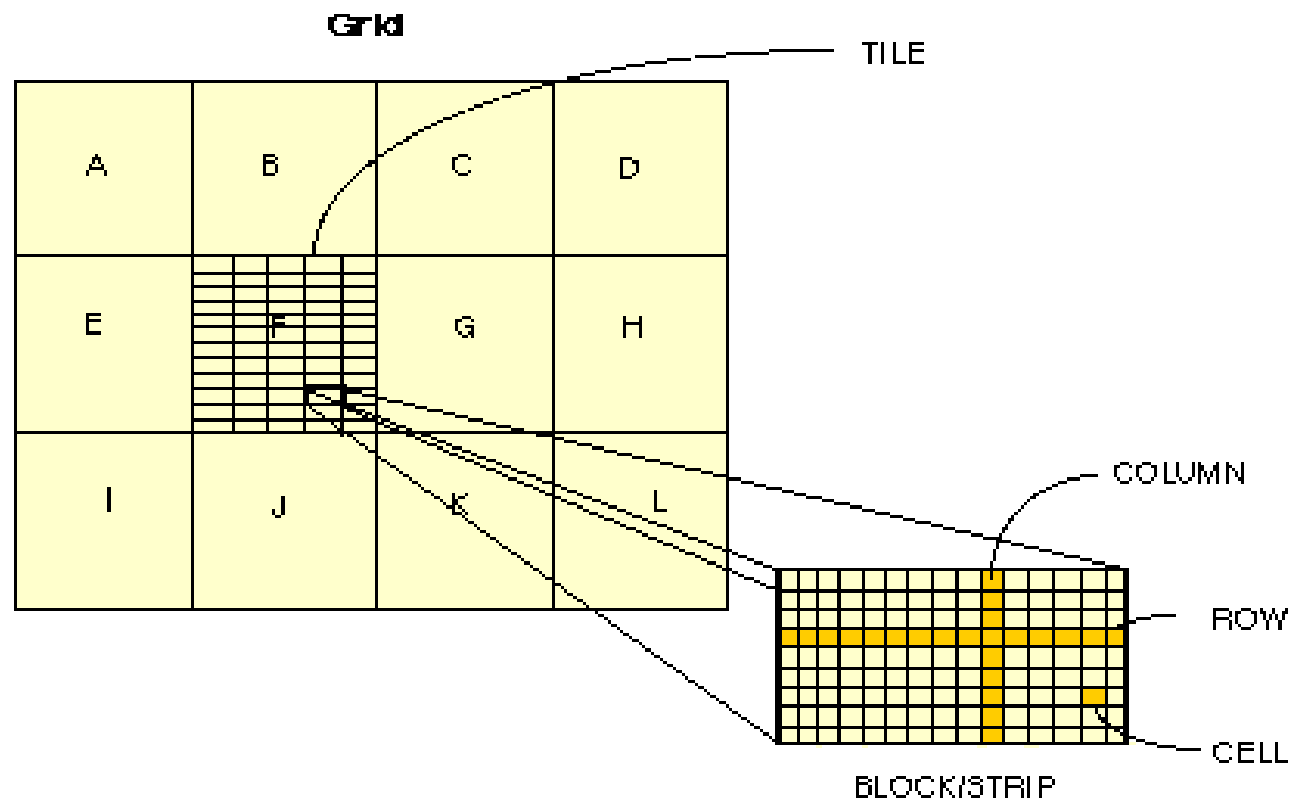
1. From Count data to Spatial Frequencies



Raw count observations are not reliable-
We need to convert count data into spatial frequencies
By defining sampling units of equal spatial extension
and temporal duration

It is easy to stress extension uniformity,

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7	8	4	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
6	23	21	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
5	24	11	6	4	2	27	3	0	1	0
4	7	21	10	2	8	14	1	0	9	19
3	29	21	12	4	22	11	0	2	13	13
2	74	31	46	23	28	13	4	5	11	28
1	23	14	15	22	8	13	2	9	6	0
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



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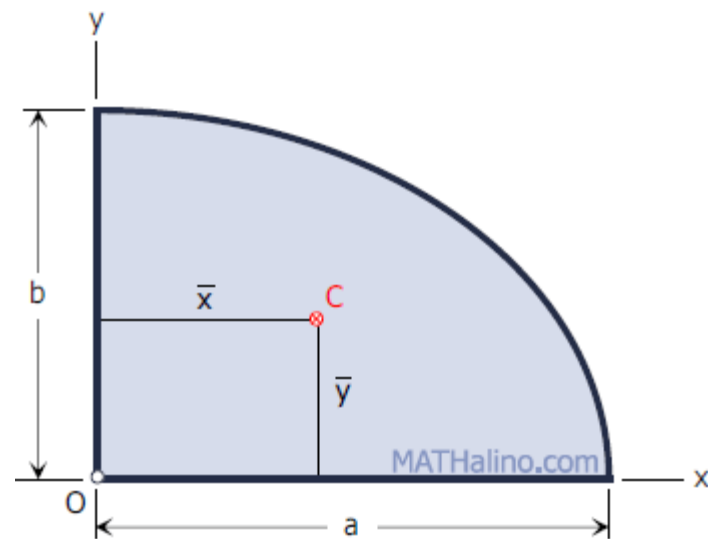
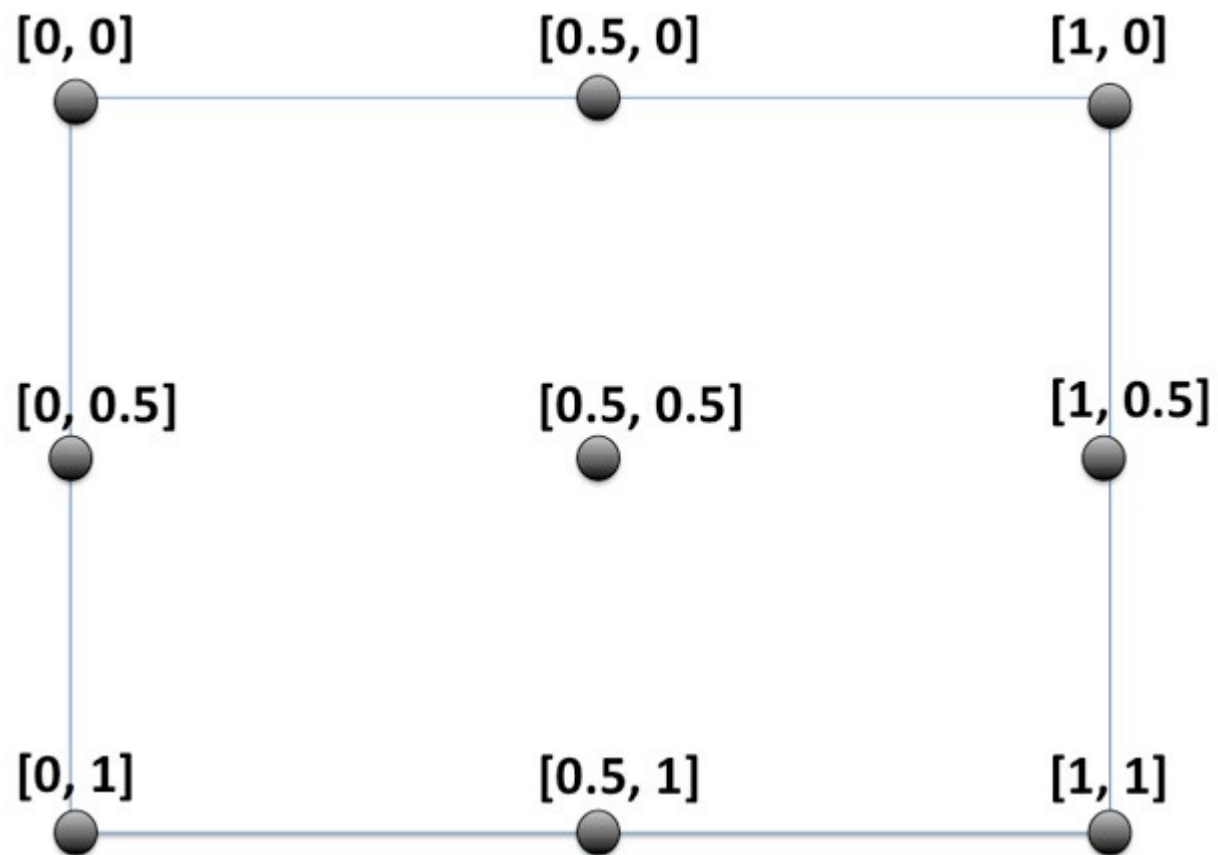
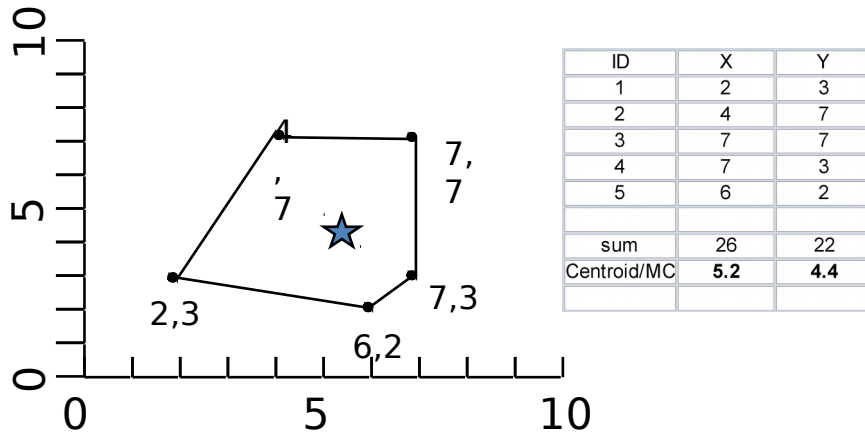


Figure P-707



When sampling areas are polygonal and irregular

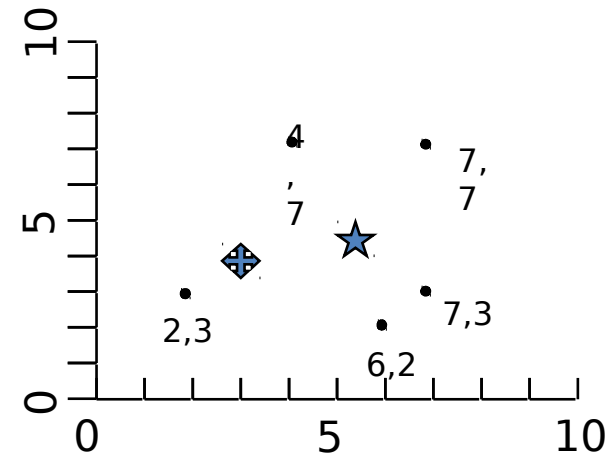
Calculating the **centroid** of a polygon or the **mean center** of a set of points.



(same example data as for area of polygon)

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}, \bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i}{n}$$

Calculating the **weighted mean center**. Note how it is pulled toward the high weight point.



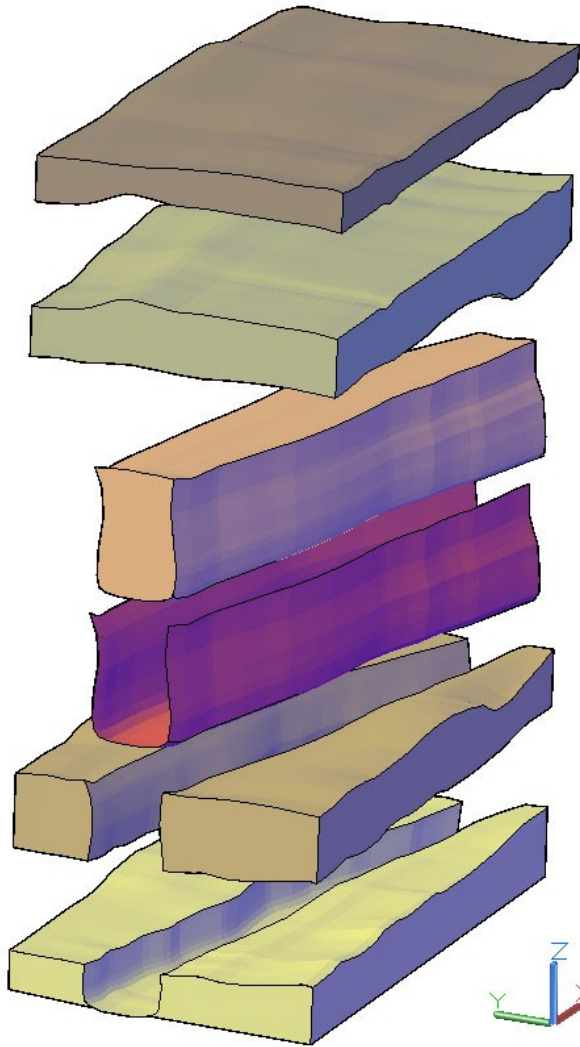
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2	4	7	500	2,000	3,500
3	7	7	400	2,800	2,800
4	7	3	100	700	300
5	6	2	300	1,800	600
sum	26	22	4,300	13,300	16,200
w MC				3.09	3.77

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}, \bar{Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}$$

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X	Y	Z	Time	COLOUR	PHOSPHATE presence	pottery Type A presence	Bones (rabitt femur) presence
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1.5	1.6	8.7	1	1	yes	yes	yes
2,1	16,1	4	1	1	yes	yes	yes
4.5	6.7	8.3	1	1	yes	yes	yes
3.2	4.3	7	1	1	yes	yes	yes
4.1	2.4	1	2	1	yes	yes	yes
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x ₅	y ₅	z ₅	1	codeRGB	32	0	3
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3 Dimensional Sampling Areas

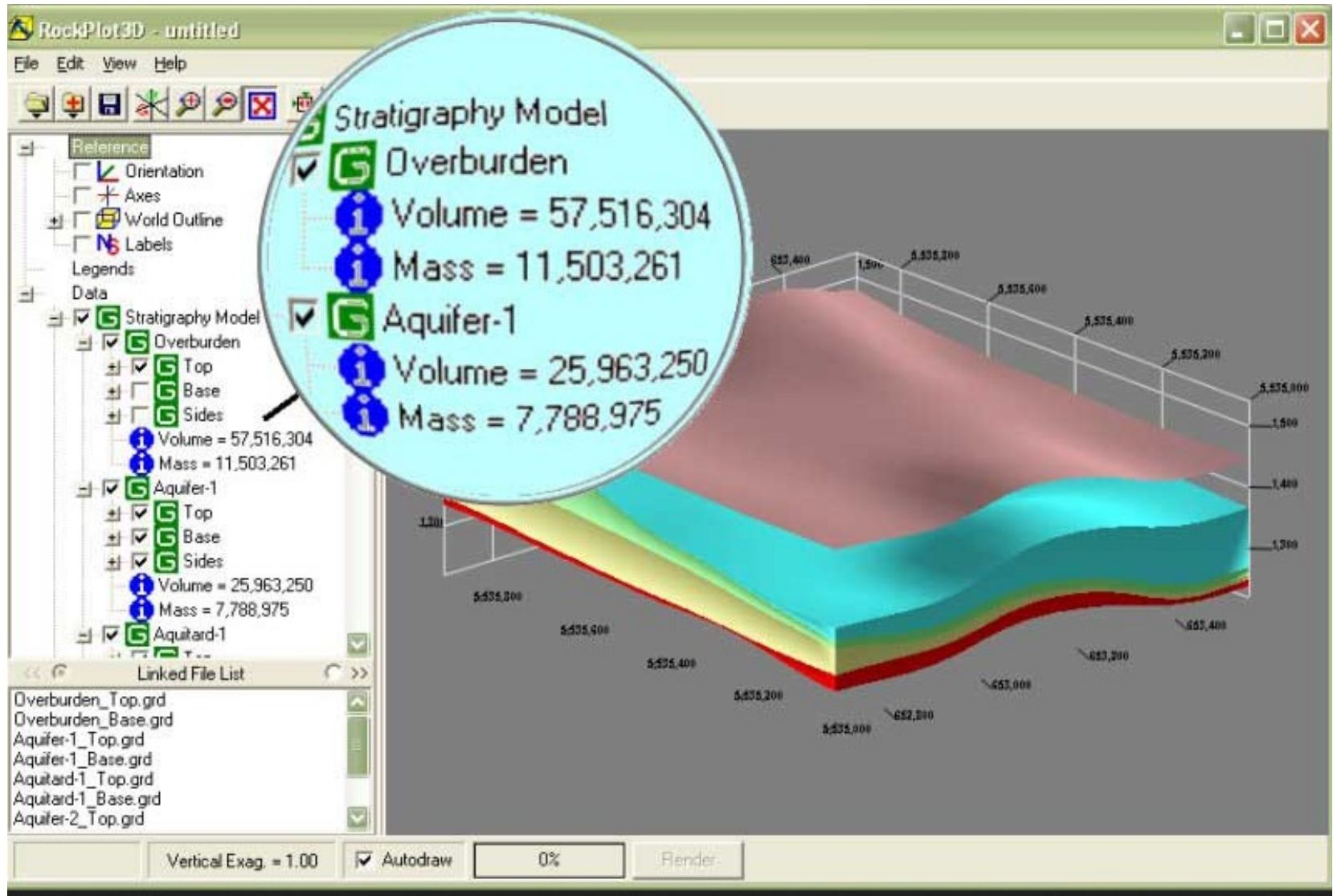


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3 Dimensional Sampling Areas



Volumetric calculation. ROCKWORKS.

Measuring Time

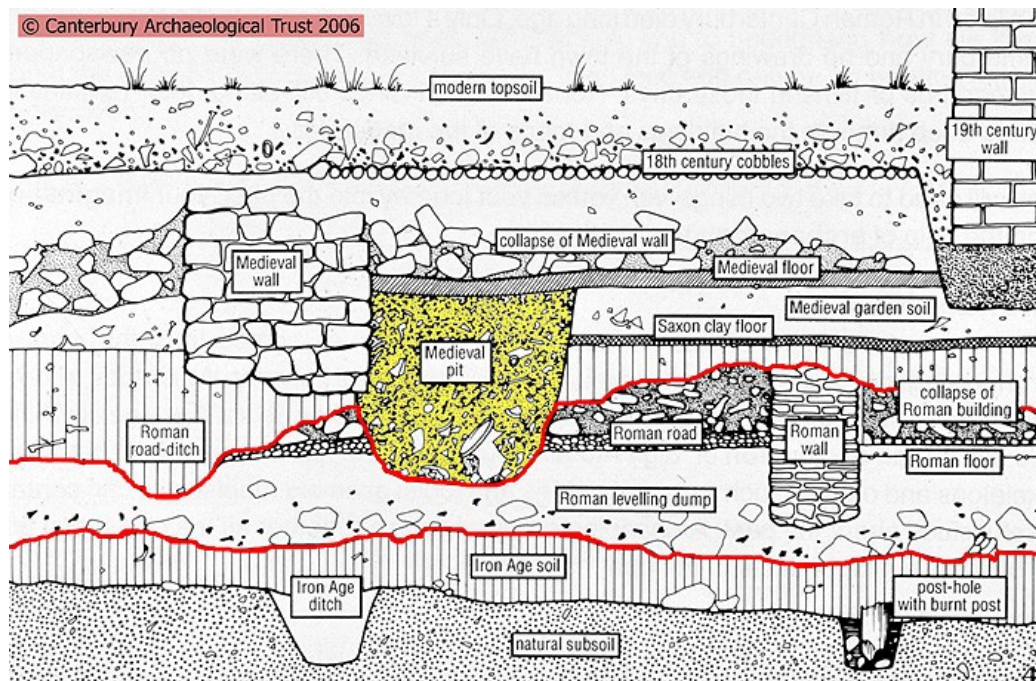


Relative?
Absolute?

Measuring Time



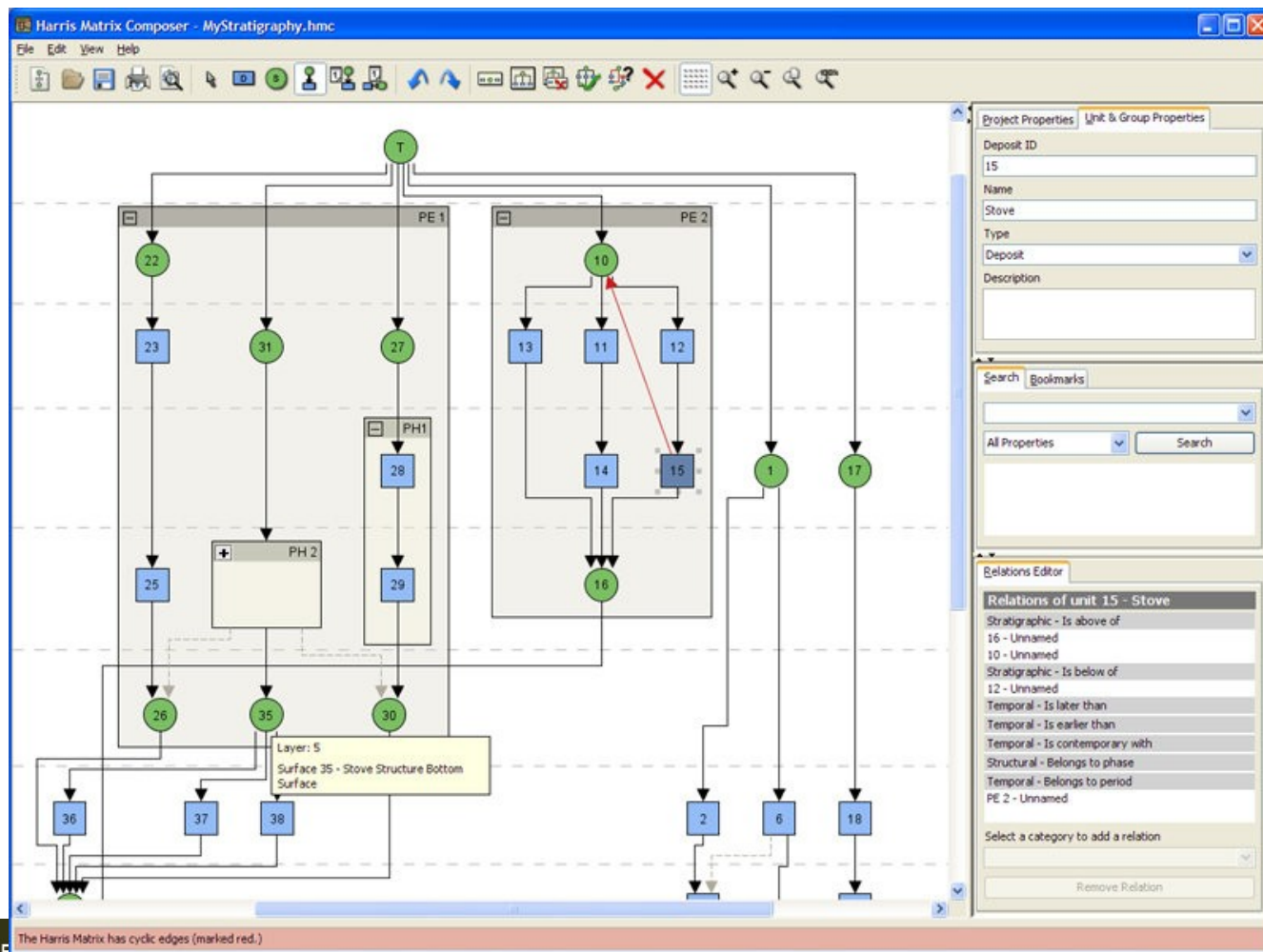
Relative?





Stratigraphy

<http://www.harrismatrixcomposer.com/>





Estratigrafia

<http://www.stratify.org/index.htm>



Stratify 1.5

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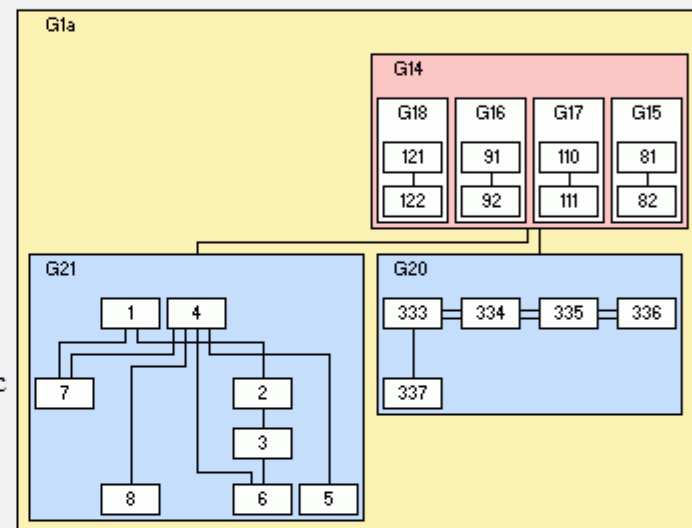
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What is Stratify?

Stratigraphy is a method for relative dating of archaeological contexts. The Harris diagram visualises the relative chronology of a site with a diagram that shows the contexts and their stratigraphic relationships. The aim of the program *Stratify* is to lay out the Harris diagram automatically, taking all the available information on chronology and groupings into account. *Stratify* stores the data of the contexts and their stratigraphic relationships in a data base. Interactive and automatic checks are also supported in order to detect inconsistent, missing, or contradictory relationships.

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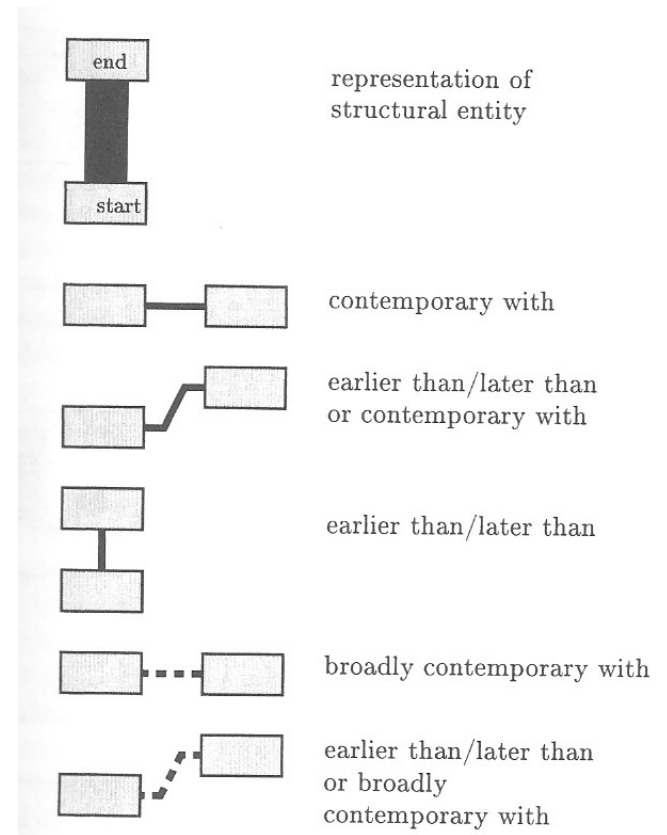
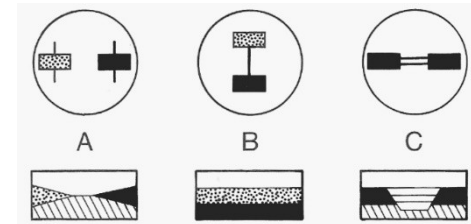
- Unit and relationship data bases
- Displaying phases
- Dealing with groupings
- Thematic box styles
- Term file management
- Coordinate projection
- Interactive and automatic checks
- Combine absolute dates and stratigraphic relationships by monotone regression
- Output formats: BMP, JPG, DXF, HPGL, MapInfo, SVG, WMF
- Data base import and export formats: csv, DBASE



Measuring Time

Harris Matrix nodes can explain only 3 situations

- One is after or before another
- There is no chronological relationship (independence)
- Both are contemporaneous




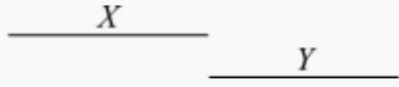

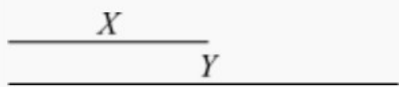
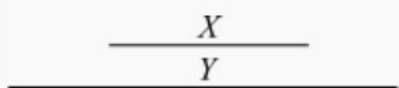
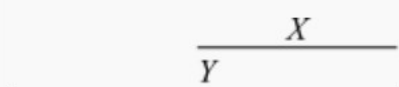
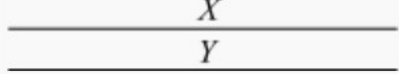
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Temporal Reasoning in an Artificial Intelligence

domain:

Allen Algebra

The following 13 base relations capture the possible relations between two intervals

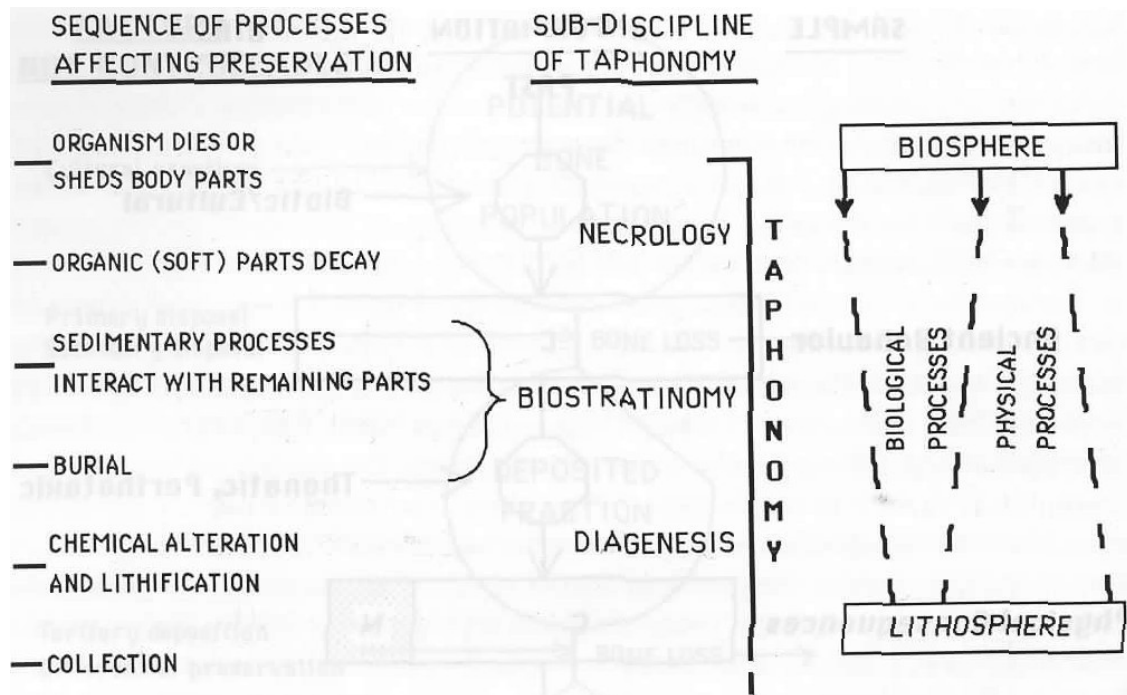
Relation	Illustration	Interpretation
$X < Y$ $Y > X$		X takes place before Y
$X m Y$ $Y mi X$		X meets Y (<i>i</i> stands for <i>inverse</i>)
$X o Y$ $Y oi X$		X overlaps with Y
$X s Y$ $Y si X$		X starts Y
$X d Y$ $Y di X$		X during Y
$X f Y$ $Y fi X$		X finishes Y
$X = Y$		X is equal to Y



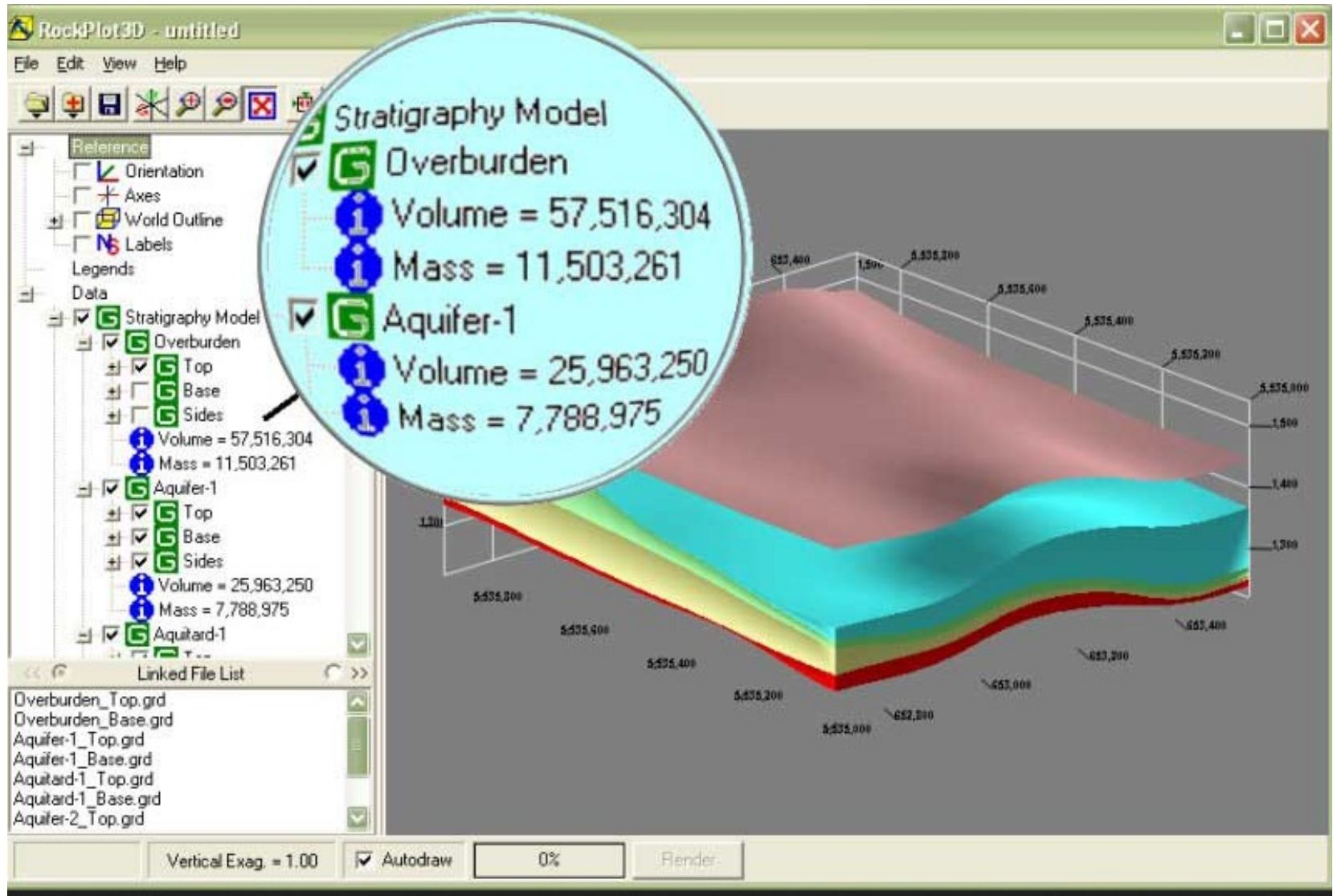


Taphonomy

A relative measure of Temporal Duration

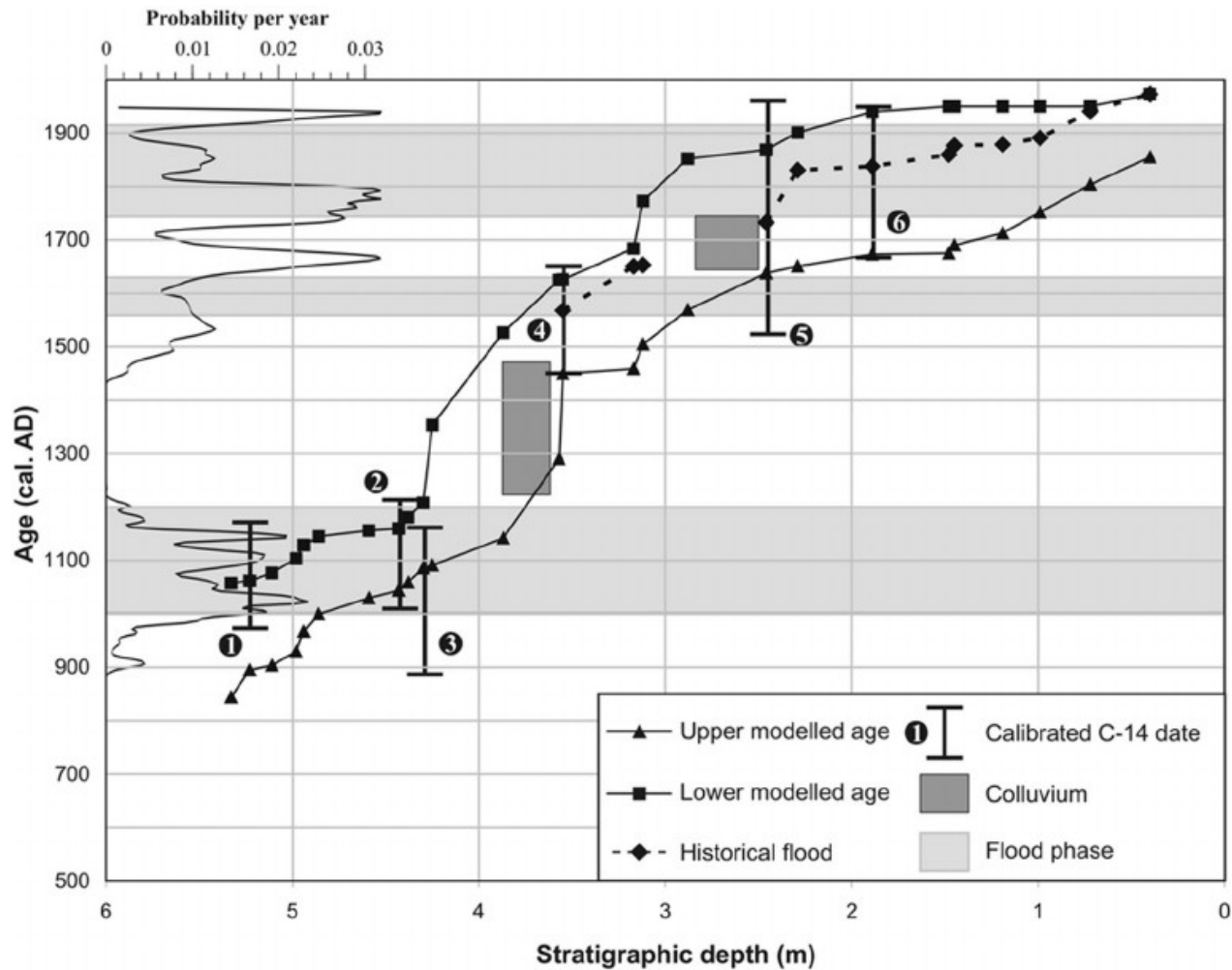


3 Dimensional Sampling Areas



Layer Volume is independent of the duration of formation process.

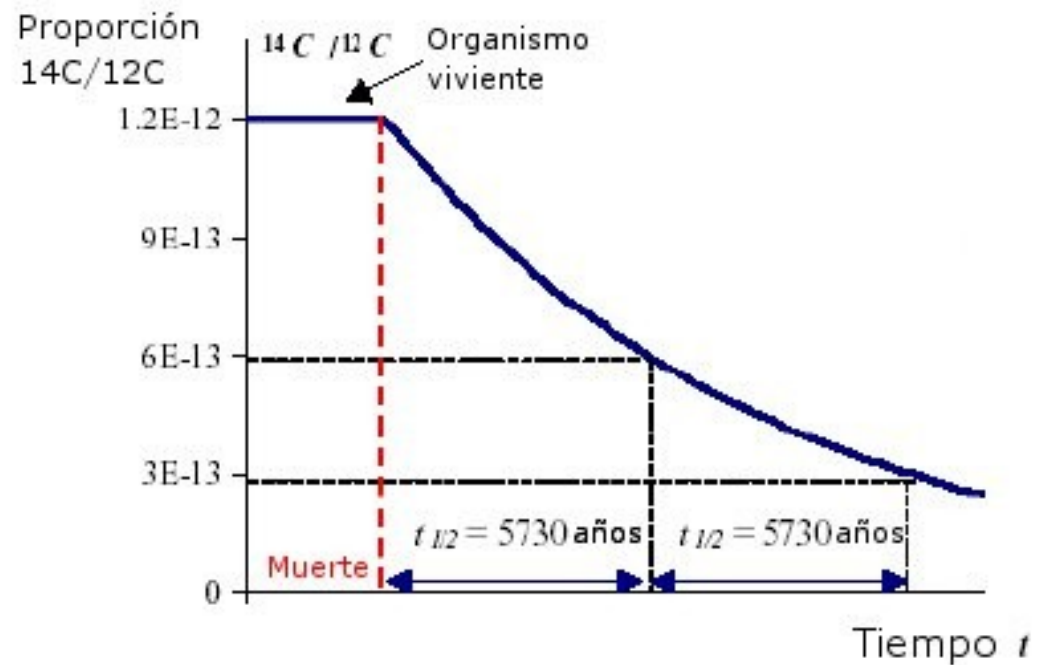
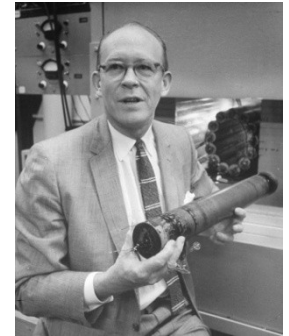
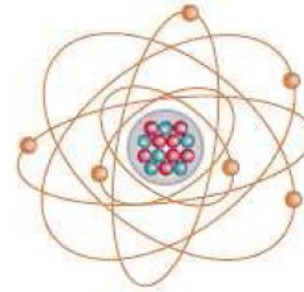
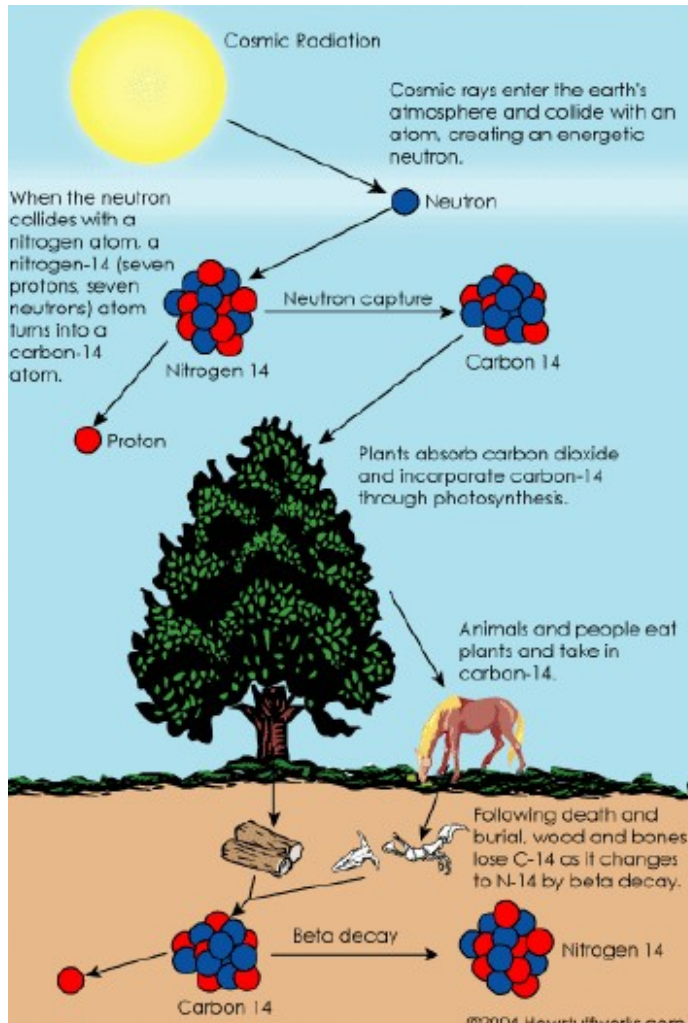
Calculating the time duration of a stratigraphic unit



Age-Depth Radiocarbon Modelling

^{14}C An “absolute” measure of time

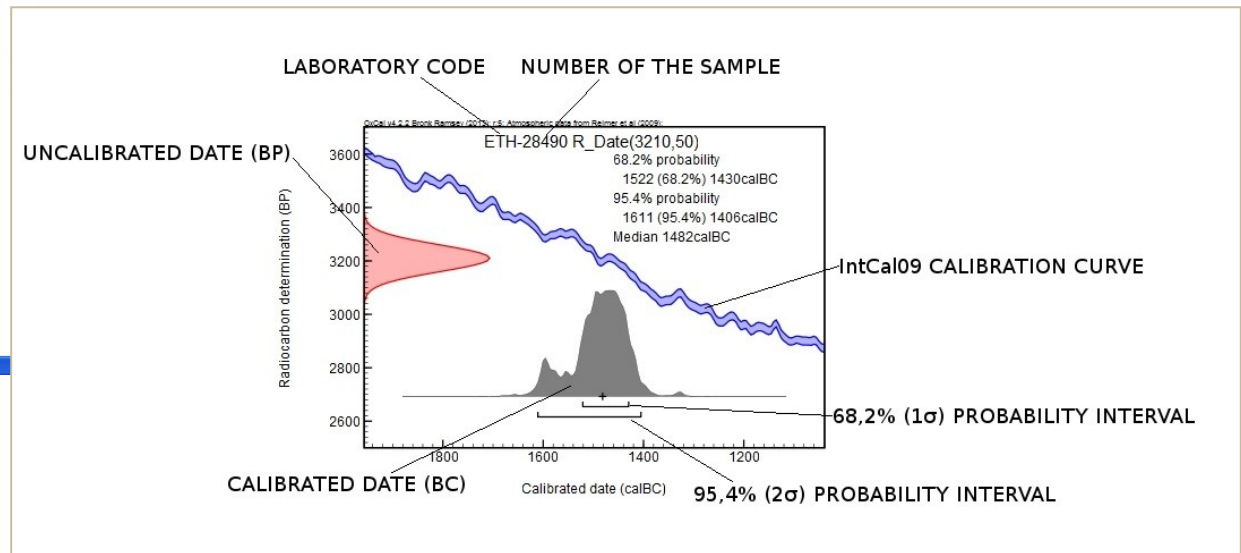
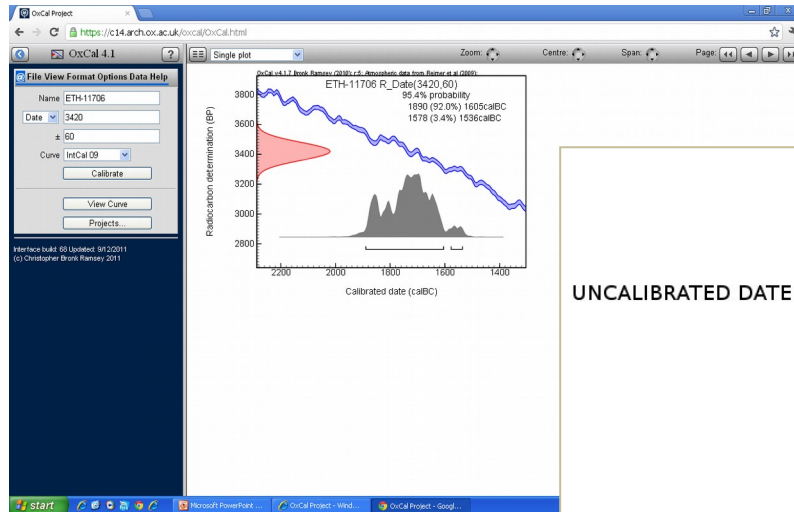
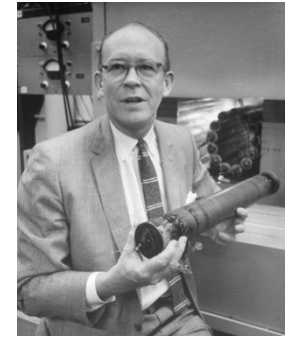
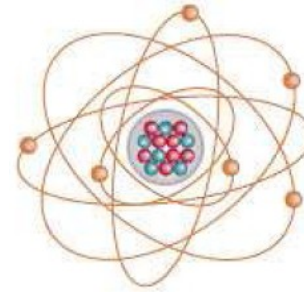
Introduced in 1946 by W. Libby.



^{14}C An “absolute” measure of time

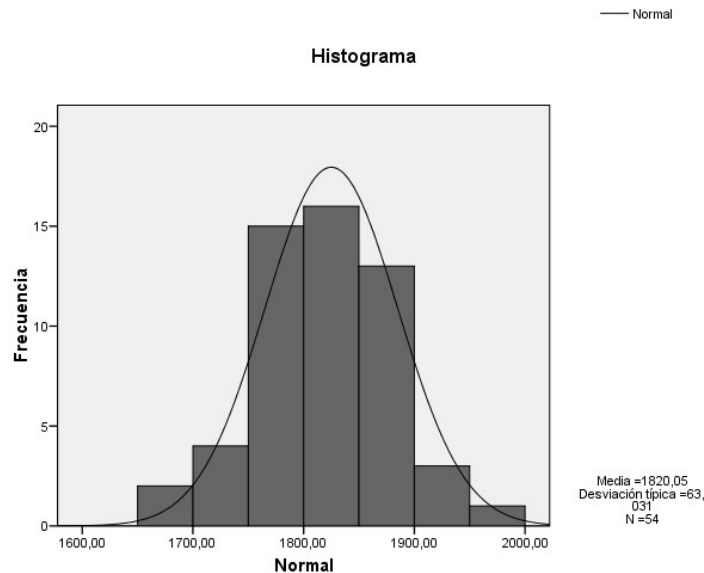
Although maybe it is not as “absolute” as it may seem.

It is a probabilistic interval, and within it different times moments are possible



^{14}C An “absolute” measure of time

Measurement error . SIMETRIC (Gaussian, “normal”)



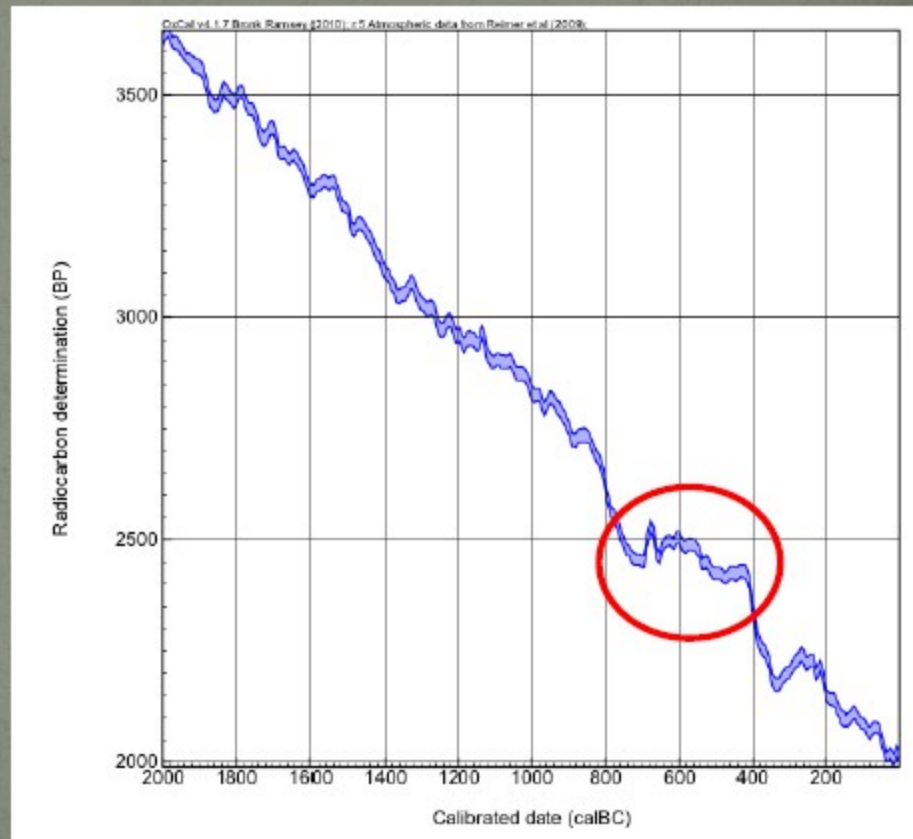
internal statistical error (the counting statistics of the measured total counts, N , in the series of measurements) and an external statistical error (comparisons of the error in the mean of a series of n AMS measurements for a sample) have to be introduced. The first error is calculated using the total number of ^{14}C counts measured for each target. The second one is calculated from the reproducibility of multiple exposures for a given target.

The main source for an assumed symmetric (Gaussian) error is produced in the process of radiocarbon dating itself, and it is due to the sample preparation in the laboratory and the probabilistic nature of radioactive decay measurement. The Gaussian error is included in the standard deviation associated to the radiocarbon date, as provided by the laboratories.



LA CURVA DE CALIBRACIÓN

La forma irregular de la curva de calibración condiciona los resultados de la calibración. A un material no corresponderá tan solo una fecha, sino varias fechas con diferentes grados de probabilidad. Además, en algunos tramos la curva presenta una forma plana, un ejemplo es la "discontinuidad de Hallstatt" entre 760 y 400 a.C.



COMO SE CONSTRUYE UNA CURVA DE CALIBRACIÓN

Para corregir una datación ^{14}C hace falta calibrarla.
Hoy en día disponemos de curvas de calibración realizadas según 3 métodos:



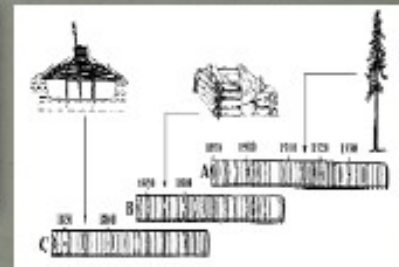
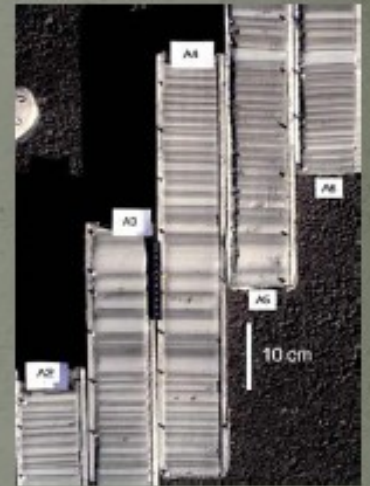
Hasta 12000 años atrás, datando anillos de arboles cuya edad ya está conocida gracias a la dendrocronología



Hasta 30000 años atrás, datando los corales fósiles a través del método de uranio-torio

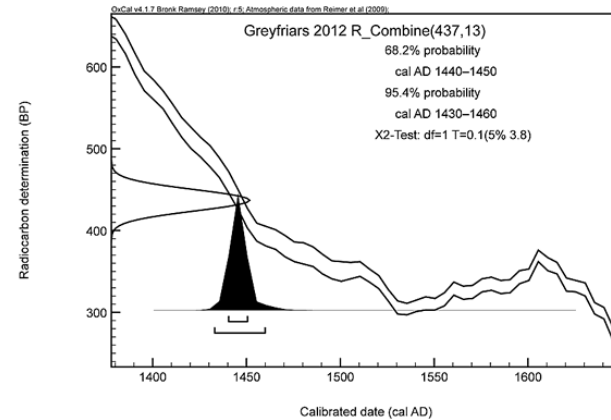
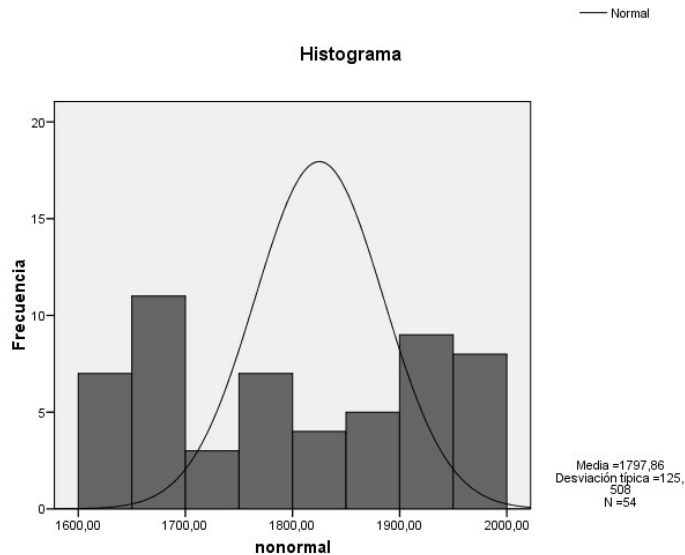


Hasta 45000 años atrás, datando las varvas y las estratificaciones geológicas anuales



^{14}C Una medida “absoluta” de la Posición de un evento.

2. Calibration. NO-SIMÉTRIC error (non-normal)



The main Non-Gaussian error is due to the calibration curve and the process of calibration. Chemical-physical timescales (isotopic degradation) and astronomical timescales (relative motion earth-sun) are not graded in the same units; therefore, “ ^{14}C years” are not necessarily the same as the “calendar years” (van Strydonck et al. 1999). This is due because the concentration of ^{14}C has not been uniform all along the time span of the astronomical scale (Aitken 1990, Bowman 1990)



PROGRAMAS DE CALIBRACIÓN

Existen varios programas que nos permiten calibrar una datación radiocarbónica:



OxCal (<http://c14.arch.ox.ac.uk/>)



Bcal (<http://bcal.shef.ac.uk/>)



CalPal (<http://www.calpal.de/>)



Calib (<http://calib.qub.ac.uk/calib/>)

LA FIABILIDAD DE UNA DATACIÓN ^{14}C

Una datación radiocarbónica, debido a su valor probabilístico, se caracteriza por tener un nivel de incertidumbre. Por lo tanto, hace falta reconocer esta incertidumbre a través de un control del error que se puede introducir en las diferentes fases del proceso de datación.



ERRORES EN LA TOMA DE DATOS



ERRORES DEL LABORATORIO



CALIBRACIÓN

ERRORES EN LA TOMA DE DATOS

Hay que tener cuidado con los fenómenos de bioturbación y la actividad humana que pueden desplazar las posibles muestras.

Los mejores contextos son:

1

- Estratos en deposición primaria y que representen eventos de corta duración (p.ej. nivel de destrucción, pavimento, hogar, etc.)

2

- Estratos identificados por una conjunto cerámico seguro

3

- Acumulaciones de semillas o de carbones en un mismo sitio(p.ej. en una vasija)

4

- Clara asociación de las muestras con estructuras más grandes (p.ej. carbones en un hogar o en un horno)

5

- Huesos en articulación. Los huesos largos, además de preservar mejor el colágeno, son más difíciles de desplazar.

LAS MUESTRAS

A través del análisis de la cantidad de ^{14}C presente en los restos orgánicos se pueden datar materiales entre 200 y ca. 50000 años atrás.

Las posibles muestras se dividen en dos categorías:

- Muestras de vida larga (carbón vegetal, madera)
- Muestras de vida corta (semillas, frutos, huesos humanos y animales, dientes, cuernos)



LAS MUESTRAS DE VIDA LARGA

- Carbón
- Madera



Efecto madera
antigua



Datamos el momento en el que el organismo interrumpió el intercambio de ^{14}C con la atmósfera y no el momento de uso de la madera que registramos a nivel arqueológico.

La fecha obtenida es un *terminus post quem*.

LAS MUESTRAS DE VIDA CORTA

- Semillas y frutos
- Huesos humanos y animales (colágeno)



Teniendo un ciclo de vida mucho más breve que las muestras de vida larga, se caracterizan por ser mucho más fiables.

(Técnicas de medición)

Actualmente existen dos técnicas para medir la concentración de $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ de una muestra.

Método de Libby

- Método tradicional para medir la radiactividad β (electrones producidos) de la muestra

Método AMS

- Basado en la Espectrometría de Masas con Aceleradores (EMA), no detecta la radiación emitida por los núcleos, sino que se cuentan directamente los núcleos de interés de la muestra.



VENTAJAS DE UNA DATACIÓN AMS

La medida es mucho más sensible, se caracteriza por una desviación estándar inferior a la obtenida a través del método tradicional

Es mucho más rápida (ca. 30 m.): se mide directamente la concentración de ^{14}C y no hace falta esperar a que los átomos decaigan

Las muestras son mil veces más pequeñas (mg) que las de método tradicional, eso implica una mejora en la preparación de las muestras eligiendo tan solo las zonas con menor contaminación



LA BASE DE DATACIONES ^{14}C DE CATALUÑA

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La base de dades radiocarbòniques de Catalunya



Presentació

LA BASE DE DADES RADIOCARBÒNIQUES DE CATALUNYA es una recopilació de les datacions de contextos arqueològics del nord-est de la Península Ibèrica. El rang temporal comença aproximadament 50.000 anys abans del present fins al voltant de l'any 500 abans de la nostra era.

Aquest servei web posa a disposició de tothom interessat les datacions de carboni 14, tal i com han estat publicades, així com alguna informació contextual de les mostres datades i d'alguns materials arqueològics rellevants que han estat associats.

[| veure més](#)





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La base de datos de dataciones C14 para la prehistoria de Catalunya esta realizada como un primer paso hacia un modelo, complejo de la cadena de inferencia des del evento isotópico hasta evento social, y representa actual estado de cuestión.

EL EVENTO ISOTÓPICO COMO PUNTO DE PARTIDA

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Base de dades

Formulari de Cerca

Aquesta base de dades permet a l'usuari localitzar mostres arqueològiques datades concretes, si es coneixen les informacions usuals (Codi de laboratori, Jaciment, etc.), o bé obtenir llistats de datacions segons el jaciment, la regió natural, i/o el període històric.

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Mostra

? Codi de laboradóri

Desconegut

? Material

Desconegut

Jaciment

Nom

Desconegut

Terme municipal

Desconegut

Comarca

Desconegut

? Regió natural

Desconegut

Cerca bàsica

Artefacte tipus

?

Acanalats
Acanalats complexos
Apèndix botó
Aurinyacià

? Tipus jaciment

Desconegut

? Període

Desconegut

? Rank cronològic

- BP

generar informe

Com funciona?

Cap dels camps són obligatoris. El motor de cerca localitzarà totes aquelles entrades de la base de dades que coincideixin amb la informació introduïda per l'usuari. Els resultats de la cerca apareixeran en format tabular mostrant valors de 5 camps bàsics. Cada línia acaba amb un enllaç ("detalls") que obra la fitxa individual de la entrada. Selecciónant la icona d'ajuda al costat de cada camp, l'usuari trobarà la definició del concepte, la sintaxi adoptada per a la base de dades etc. En la recerca "avançada" es poden fer cerques aproximades.



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Base de dades

Resultats de la cerca:

Laboratori	Jaciment	Municipi	Edat BP	Material	Cronologia
Beta61505	Balma del Serrat del Pont	Tortellà	2450	Carbó	Bronze Final A Detalls
UBAR180	Balma del Serrat del Pont	Tortellà	3530	Carbó	Bronze Final A
UBAR181	Balma del Serrat del Pont	Tortellà	3160	Carbó	Bronze Final A Detalls
Beta98213	Barranc de Gàfols	Ginestar	2770	Carbó	Bronze Final B Detalls
Poz18861	Camp dels Moros de la Codina	Pinell	2885	Os animal	Bronze Final B Detalls
Poz18862	Camp dels Moros de la Codina	Pinell	2850	Os animal	Bronze Final B Detalls
UBAR850	Can Gambús 2	Sabadell	2925	Carbó	Bronze Final B Detalls
UBAR851	Can Gambús 2	Sabadell	2850	Carbó	Bronze Final B Detalls
UBAR675	Can Roqueta II	Sabadell	2530	Carbó	Ferro I A Detalls
UBAR674	Can Roqueta II	Sabadell	2735	Carbó	Bronze Final B Detalls

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ID	53
Laboratori	UBAR180
Jaciment	Balma del Serrat del Pont
Municipi	Tortellà
Comarca	Garrotxa
Regió	2
Provincia	Girona
Regió geogràfica	Prepirineu (Vall mitjana Fluvià)
Coord. X	467493
Coord. Y	4677516
Any datació	1990
Edat BP	3530
Desviació Típica	90
Limite Inferior 95	2132
Limite Superior 95	1632
Limite Inferior 68	1990
Limite Superior 68	1750
Material	Carbó
Procedència	Nivell II.2b (prop llar AC1) ocupació
Objectetipus	Tasses carenades, Acanalats
Context funcional	Residencial
Tipus Jaciment	Abric
Cronologia	Bronze Final A
Bibliografia	Alcalde, G.; Molist, M. i Toledo, A. (1994), p. 81
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Inici

Afegeix tu C14 dades a La base de dades radiocarbòniques de Catalunya

Mitjançant aquest formulari podeu enviar les datacions radiocarbòniques dels jaciments arqueològics que esteu excavant a Catalunya. Les dades enviades sran incloses a [La base de dades radiocarbòniques de Catalunya](#) després de la revisió pels responsables de la Base de dades.

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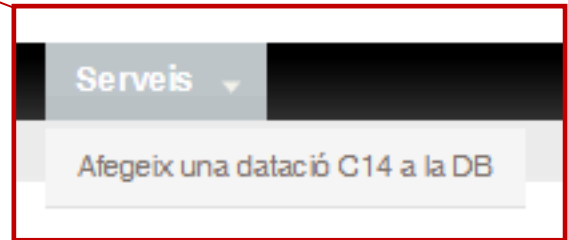
Comarca:

Regió natural:

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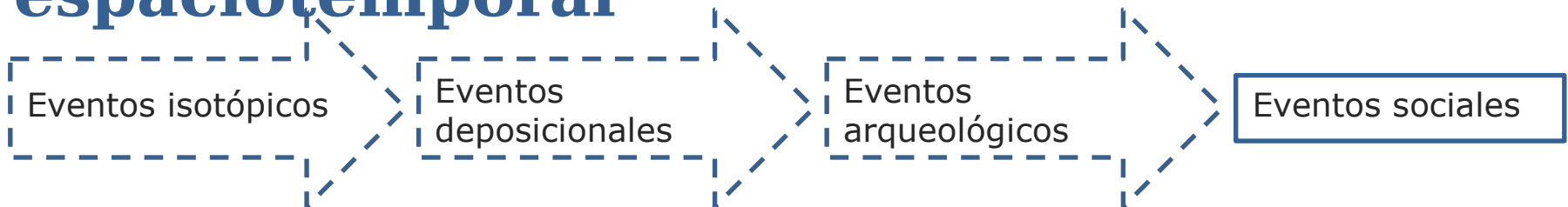
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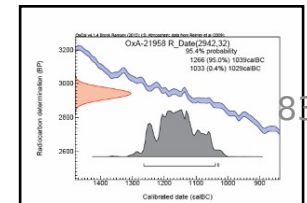
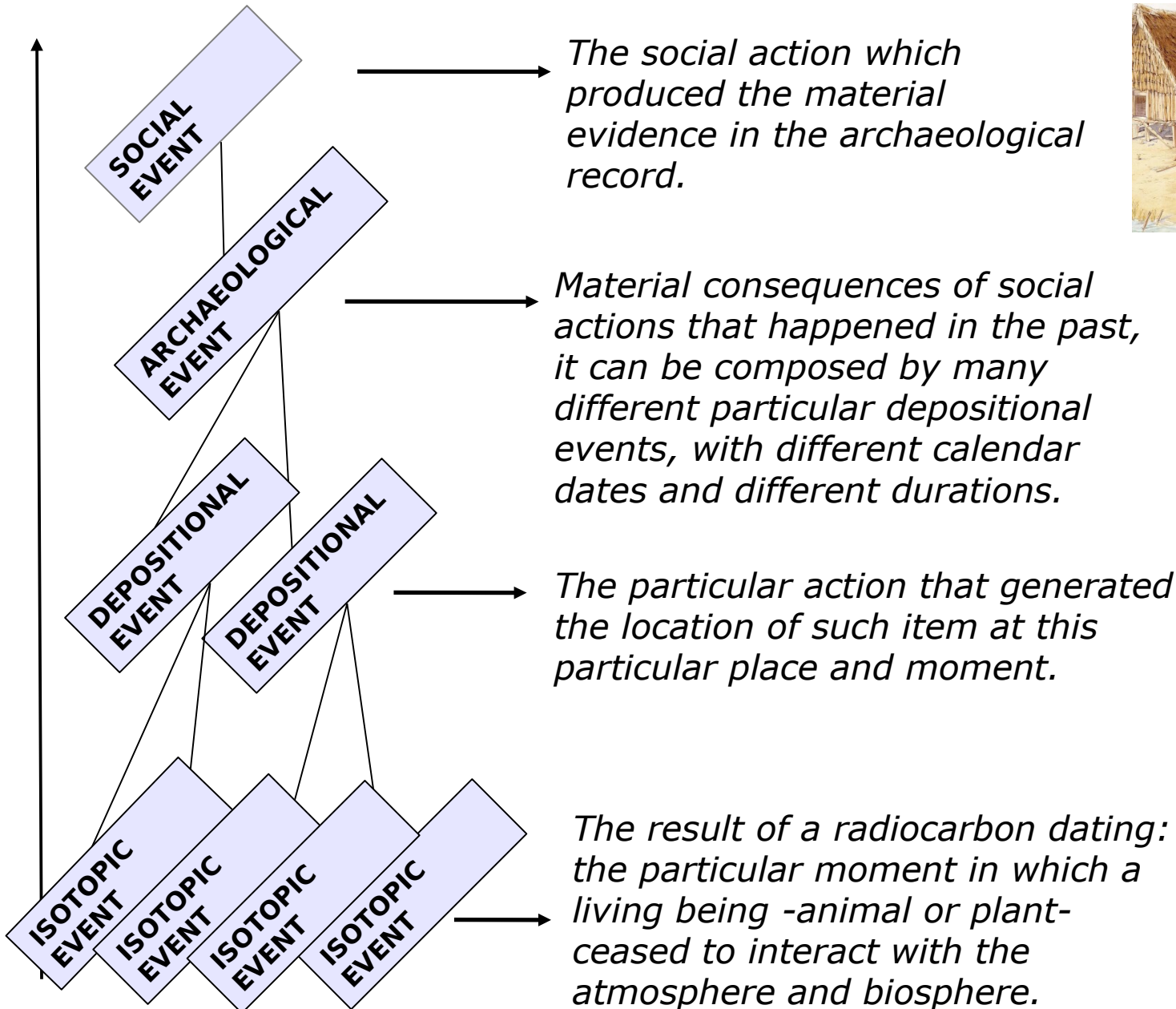


A través de este formulario podéis enviar les dataciones radiocarbónicas de los yacimientos arqueológicos que estáis excavando a Catalunya. Los datos enviados serán incluidos a [La base de dades radiocarbòniques de Catalunya](#) después de la revisión per responsables de la Base de datos.

La cadena de la inferència espaciotemporal



FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL INFORMATION TO HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE: a palimpsest structure



MUESTRA DATADA: Corresponde a la materialidad de un suceso isotópico (Coordenadas cartesianas locals (0.0 local))

CONTEXTO INMEDIATO: Corresponde a la materialidad de un suceso depositacional y el suceso arqueológico al que se refieren varios sucesos depositacionales contemporáneos relacionados causalmente. En la práctica está formado por los materiales arqueológicos inmediatamente vinculados (espacial y tafonómicamente) con la muestra datada. Unidad Mínima de la intervención arqueológica.

CONTEXTO RELACIONADO: Corresponde a la materialidad de sucesos arqueológicos causalmente relacionados con el que generó la muestra, tanto espacial como temporalmente. En la práctica está formado por los materiales arqueológicos no-inmediatamente vinculados (espacial y tafonómicamente) con la muestra datada, pero sí relacionados de modo tal que la relación pueda expresarse en términos espaciales y temporales. Si no es posible la relación espacio-temporal, el contexto secundario no será reconstruible. Asociación estratigráfica de Unidades Mínimas de intervención arqueológica.

CONTEXTO GLOBAL DE LAS RELACIONES ARQUEOLOGICAS DE LA MUESTRA. Informaciones generales inferibles a partir de las relaciones contextuales secundarias. (UTM del jaciment dins el qual es delimita el context secundari)

MUESTRA DATADA

Código Laboratorio

METODO DE DATACION

Vida Media de la muestra

Código Arqueológico de Muestra

Fecha de Excavación

Fecha de Obtención y Análisis de la muestra

Tipo intervención Arqueológica: excavación urgencia, excavación sistemática, fondo de museo, prospección, hallazgo accidental

Coordenadas Espaciales (x,y,z) en el sistema local no georeferenciado.

Tipo de muestra: Hueso No Carbonizado, hueso carbonizad, carbón, Semilla

Carbonizada, Semilla no carbonizada madera-no-carbo,

Materia de la muestra

Taxonomia de la muestra

Porcentaje Carbón Marino

BP SD D13C D13SD DeltaR DeltaR SD

CALIBRACION: Curva

Extremo inferior intervalo 1s

Extremo superior intervalo 1s

Extremo inferior intervalo 2s

Extremo superior intervalo 2s

Referencia bibliográfica en la que aparece publicado el análisis cronométrico de la muestra

VALORACION DEL RESULTADO CRONOMÉTRICO (%). Calculado automáticamente por la Base de datos: 100% = Vida Media de la Muestra < 10 años; Método de

datación: AMS; SD < 40; Diferencia Extr.Sup- Extr. Inf. 1s < 75

CONTEXTO PRIMARIO:

Etiqueta de Contexto primario: En el formato en el que haya aparecido publicada (Unidad Estratigráfica | Estructura |)

LOCALIZACION DE LA MUESTRA EN LA UNIDAD ARQ. DE REFERENCIA: Ubicación central, Ubicación próxima al centro, Ubicación marginal o periférica

Tipo de Contexto: hallazgo aislado, hallazgo dentro de contenedor individualizado, tumba, suelo de ocupación, área de actividad, agujero de palo, hogar, silo, fosa de construcción, matriz sedimentaria, acumulación no definida, ...

Caracterización del Contexto: Cerrado, Abierto, Sin límites definidos...

TAFONOMIA: Primario (fase constructiva), Secundario (uso después de construcción), Abandono, Post-depositacional (amortización después del uso primario y/o secundario)

FUNCIONALIDAD DEL CONTEXTO PRIMARIO: CAMPO DE VALOR ÚNICO: Funerario, Ritual No-Funerario, Residencial, almacenamiento, estabulación animal, producción de útiles, producción de subsistencias, defensa, ...

ARTEFACTO-TIPO RELACIONADO EN CONTEXTO PRIMARIO: punta magdalenense IV, cerámica cardial, vaso campaniforme, Argar Forma 6, punta palmela, espada de lengua de carpa, Dragendorff 2ª, Anfora púnica tipo Ramon 2. Sigillatta sudgálica, etc.

VALORACIÓN DE LA RELACIÓN CONTEXTUAL PRIMARIA (%)]. Valor calculado por la base de datos como resultado de la caracterización del depósito: 100%=
valorización = $\frac{\text{caracterización contexto}}{\text{caracterización contexto}} = \text{cerrado, tafonomia} = \text{Primaria.}$

Etiqueta de Contexto Secundario: En el formato en el que haya aparecido publicada
(Nivel Arqueológico / Fase de Ocupación)

georeferenciación se definirá por medio de cuatro columnas: huso, zona, x, y.

LOCALIZACION YACIMENT ARQUEOLOGIC 2: Región Natural.

Tipo de Contexto Secundario: tumba, necrópolis, silo, suelo de ocupación, estructura construida, área de actividad, poblado, no definido

ARTEFACTO-TIPO RELACIONADO EN ALGUNO DE LOS CONTEXTOS PRIMARIOS QUE

VALORACIÓN DE LA RELACIÓN CONTEXTUAL SECUNDARIA (%)]. Valor calculado por la base de datos como resultado de la caracterización del depósito: 100%=

Relación Estratigráfica= Directa: Más de tres Contextos Primarios datados y



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Diferències Cronològica entre totes les mostres datades de un mismo
 o Secundario (distintos contextos primarios) inferior a 75 años.

CONTEXTO HISTORICO:

PERIODO: Paleolítico Superior, Mesolítico, Neolítico, Calcolítico, Bronce Antiguo, Bronce Final IIIb, Hierro Antiguo I, Romano Altorepublicano, Baja Edad media Tardía,...

CULTURA ARQUEOLOGICA: Argar, vaso Campaniforme, megalitismo, Sepulcros de Fosa, cardial, Post-Cardial, EpiCardial, Proto Talayótico, Romano, Mozárabe,....

ESTRATEGIAS ECONOMICAS REGISTRADAS DURANTE EL PERIODO HISTORICO: CAMPO DE VALOR MULTIPLE: caza, recolección, agricultura, ganadería, metalurgia (cobre, bronce, oro, hierro), intercambio, comercio...

ESTRATEGIAS SOCIO-POLÍTICAS REGISTRADAS DURANTE EL PERIODO HISTORICO: CAMPO DE VALOR MULTIPLE: bandas, jefaturas, estado, clases_sociales, despotismo, imperialismo, independencia...



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Cronometrías Para la Historia de la Península Ibérica

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El congreso Cronometrías Para la Historia de la Península Ibérica surge de la necesidad de sistematizar e integrar de manera exhaustiva miles de dataciones cronométricas existentes y sus contextos asociados. Esta reunión científica pretende ofrecer un espacio de debate sobre temas teóricos, metodológicos, sustantivos y prácticos acerca de la datación de eventos históricos. Aunque el uso del método C14 es más frecuente para los contextos posteriores a 50.000 BP, aquí queremos tratar todos los métodos físico-químicos que están hoy en día en práctica, o en fase de uso experimental. Aquí pensamos principalmente en uranium-torium, termoluminiscencia, geomagnetismo, dendrocronología.

El C14 y otros métodos cronométricos han demostrado su utilidad en la investigación arqueológica del pasado de la península Ibérica, así como en los archipiélagos de la Baleares, Canarias y Madeira. Desde 1950 se han acumulado miles de dataciones de contextos arqueológicos. Sin embargo, el acceso a las mismas es difícil, debido al formato de su presentación, a la inconsistencia en la presentación de los contextos asociados y a la dispersión extrema de las publicaciones. En 1978 (Almagro-Gorbea y Fernández-Miranda) y en 1996 (Lull, Castro y Risch) se presentaron esfuerzos sintetizadores de enorme valor para su tiempo. Desde entonces se han publicado algunos trabajos sintéticos sobre periodos concretos, pero falta una visión general crítica de la potencialidad de la cronometría para datar la historia de las sociedades que vivieron en la península Ibérica y archipiélagos.

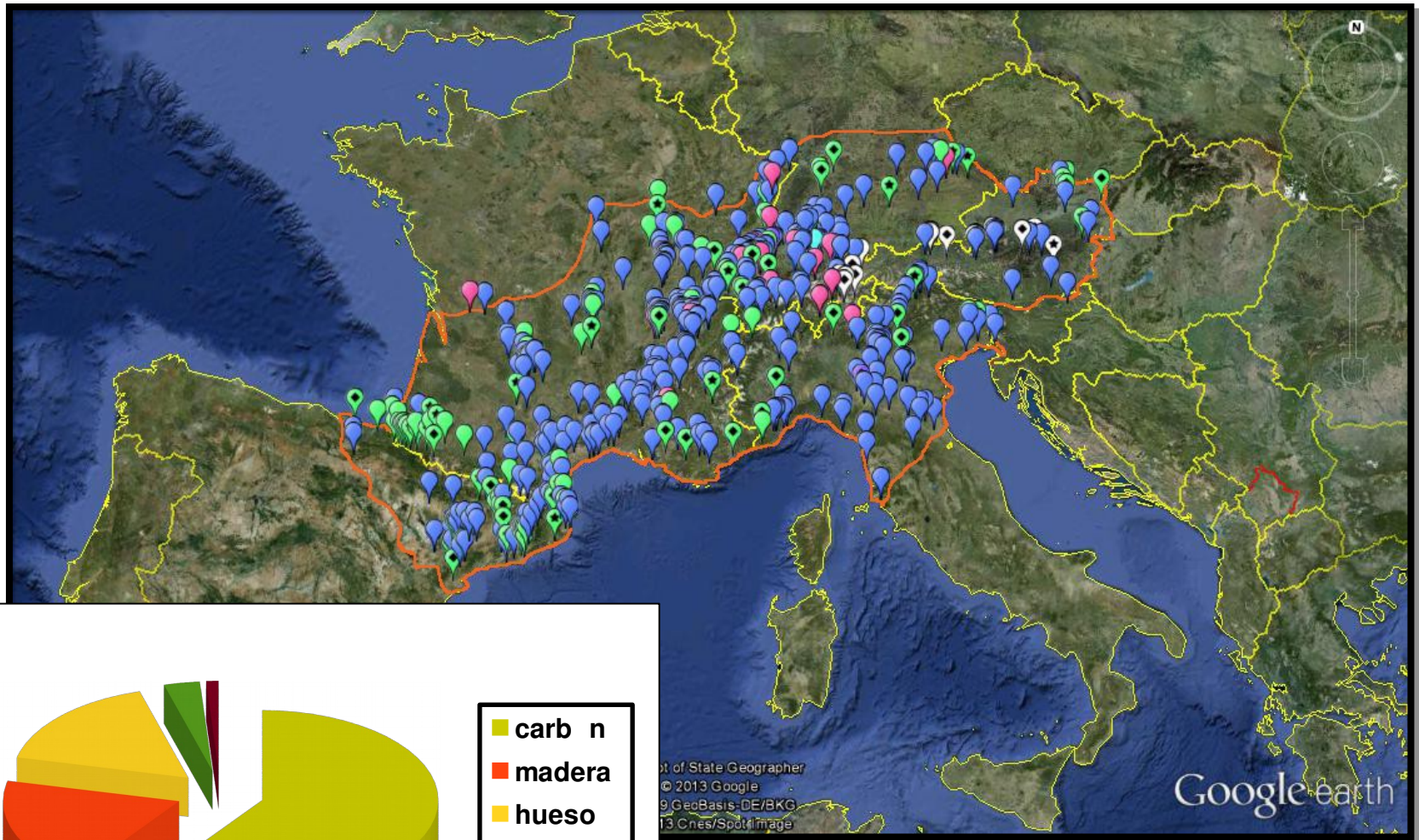
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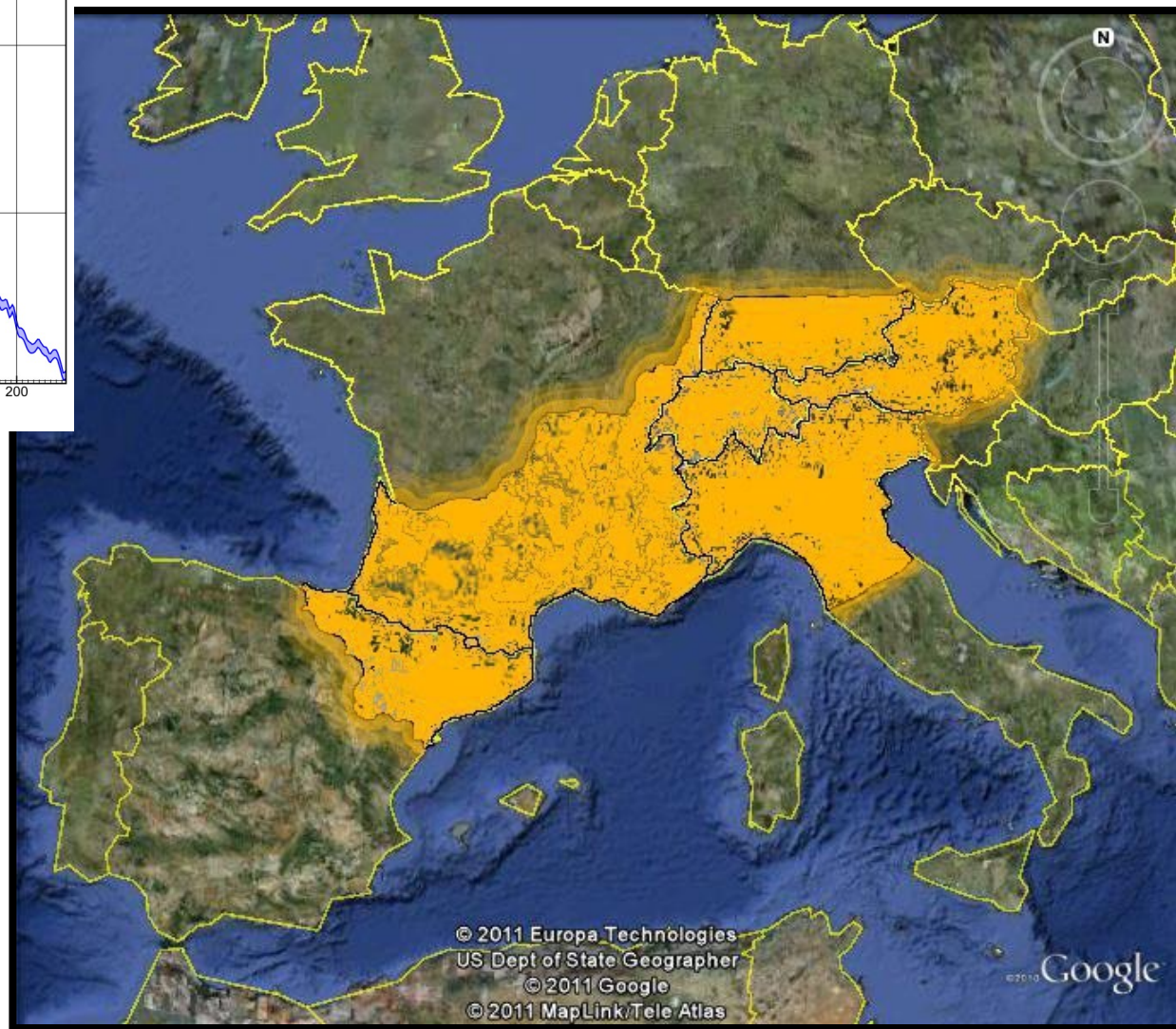
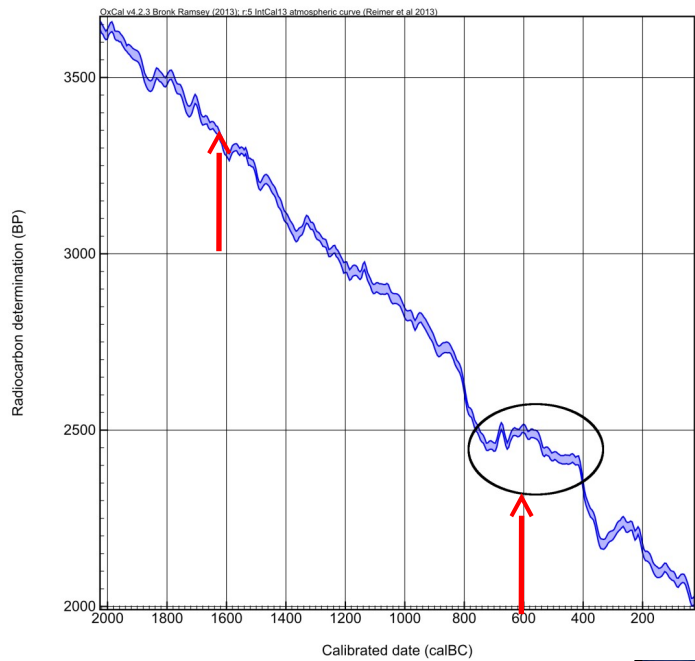


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EUBAR: 1567 dataciones procedentes de 573 sitios arqueológicos,
un yacimiento fechado por el ^{14}C cada 916 Km²





Site Can Piteu-Can Roqueta

Municipality Sabadell

Province/District Barcelona

Comarca Vallès Occidental

Region 5

Autonomous community Catalunya

Departament -

Canton -

Geographic region Depresión Prelitoral (central)

Country España

Coord. X 428122

Coord. Y 4598692

Stratigraphy -

Chronology

Laboratory KIA-24835 AMS

Year dating 2004

Year BP (literature) 2755

Standard error 30

Year BC recalibrated

Inferior boundary 95 978

Superior boundary 95 827

Inferior boundary 68 924

Superior boundary 68 842

Spanish chronology Bronze Final B

French chronology

Italian chronology

German chronology

Function

Functional context Funerario

Type of site Necrópolis de incineración

Material

Analysed material Hueso humano

Provenance Uma 294-34B

Context

Context reliability

☒ si ☐ no**Settlement area**

Traces of fortification no

Elaboration of copper no

Elaboration of bronze no

Elaboration of iron no

Finding of copper no

Finding of bronze si

Finding of iron no

Predominant domestic animal -

Evidence of agriculture no det.

Necropolis

Type of tomb Individual

Funeral ritual Incineración

Prestige objects

Sword no

Dagger no

Knife si

Arrowhead no

Spearhead no

Fibula no

Pin no

Necklace no

Earring no

Bracelet no

Ring no

Amber no

Ivory no

Ax no

Horse no

Pottery

Biconical no

Carinated cup no

Pottery with grooves si

Handel with vertical expansion no

Decoration with "sogueado" no

Decoration with meanders no

Decoration with "dientes de sierra"

Zig zag decoration si

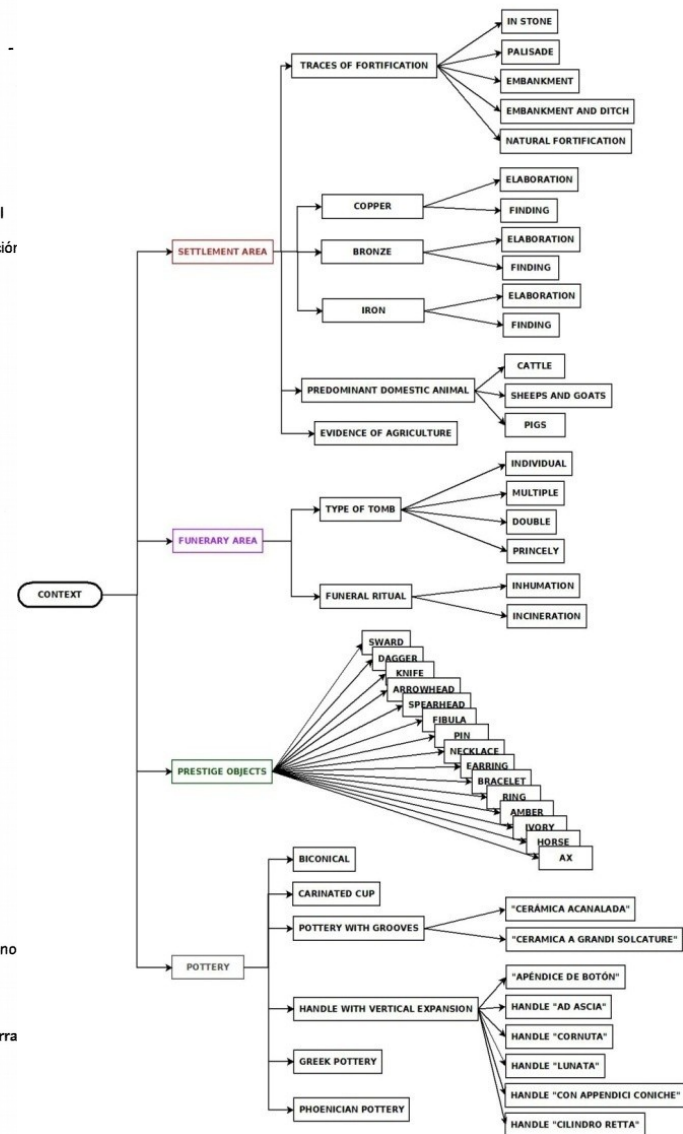
Greek pottery no

Phoenician pottery no

SOCIAL EVENTS IN THE PAST

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

DEPOSITIONAL EVENTS

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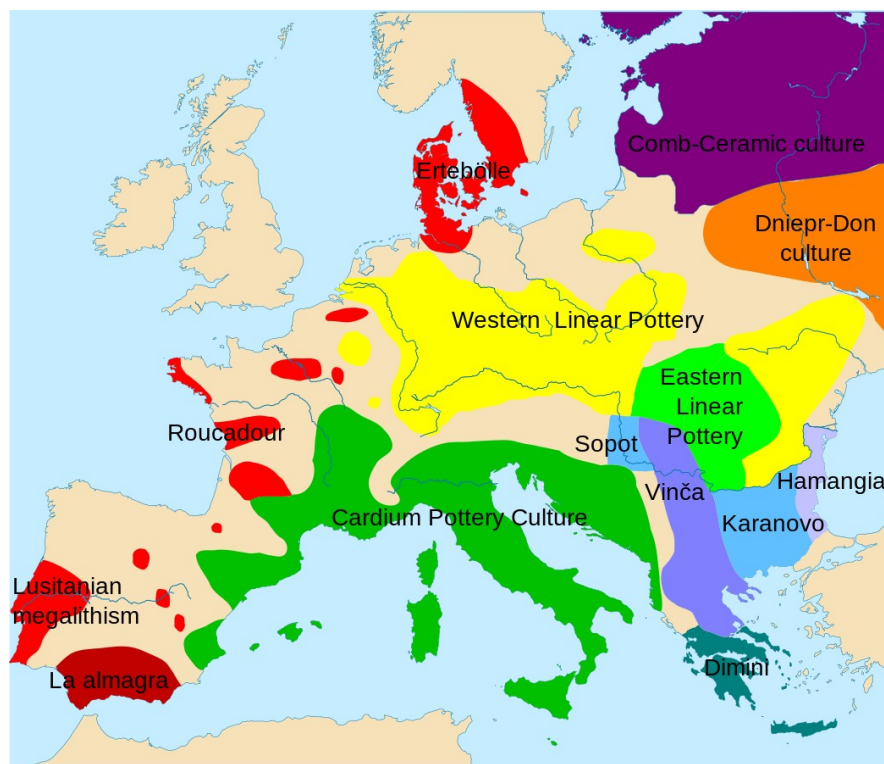
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Notes

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Spatial analysis

The Nature of the Archaeological problem

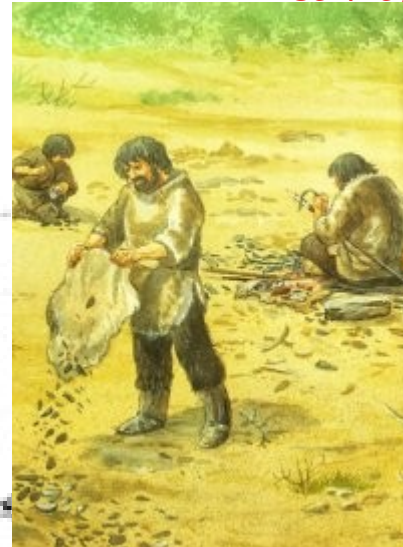
Where activity X occurred?



Archaeological observables are not the activity, but something generated indirectly during the occurrence of the activity

The Nature of the Archaeological problem

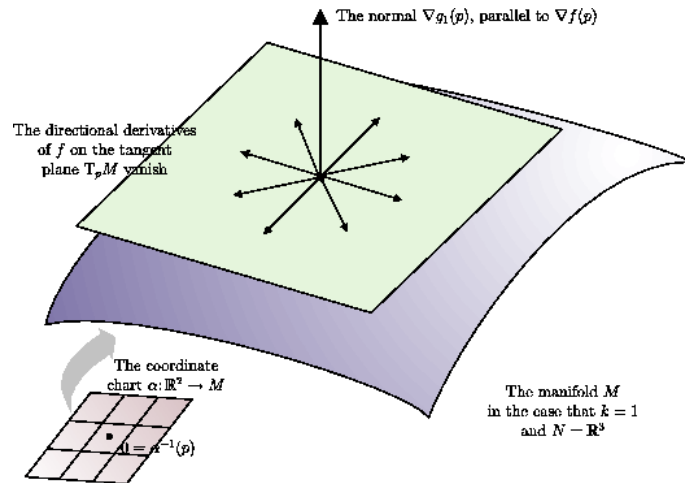
Activity X took place there!



Intuitively: where count data are the more abundant

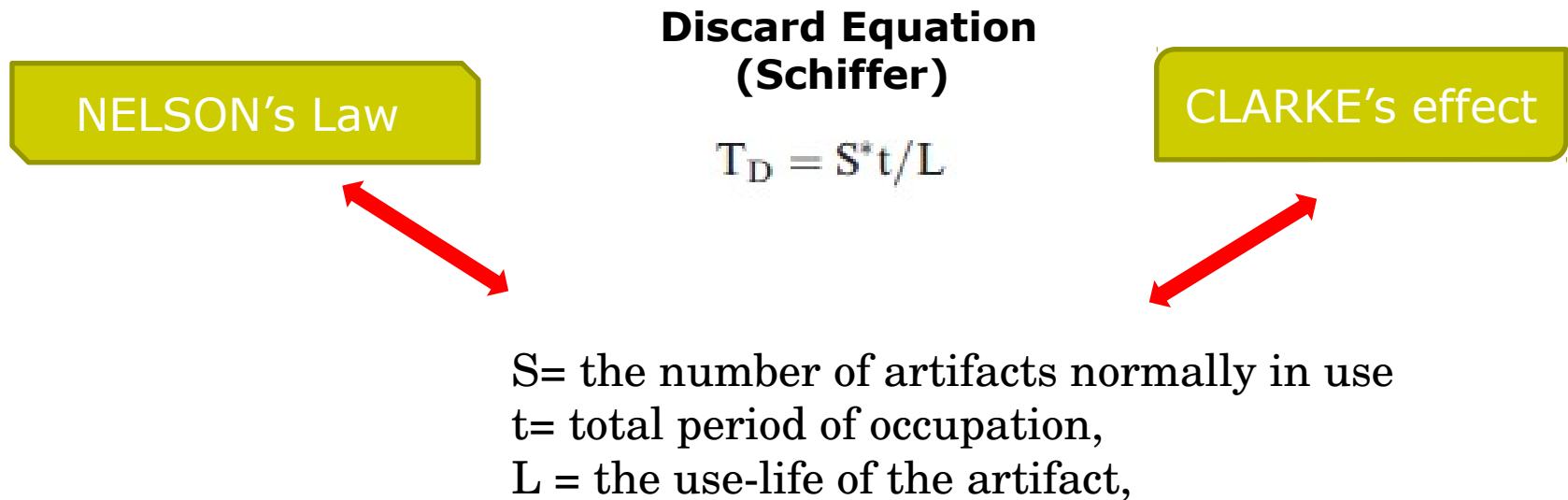
An Intuitive Model for Spatial Intra-site Problems

Where activity X occurred?



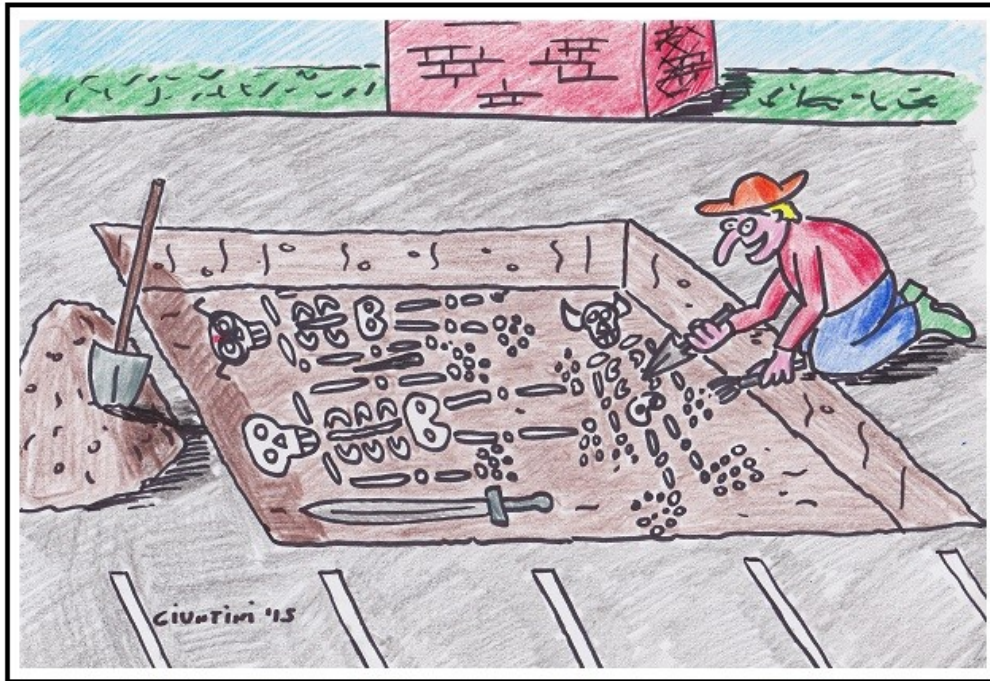
The probability an activity took place somewhere is determined by the abundance and density
Of the material consequences of that activity

An Intuitive Model for Spatial Intra-site Problems



The quantity of observed archaeological remains is a function of temporal duration of occupation, the size of the involved human group, and the nature of the activity itself

Spatial Prediction at the intra-site observation scale



Is the probability of an action occurred at a particular place the same as the detection probability of an individual artefact linked to a particular activity at the same place?

Spatial Prediction at the intra-site observation scale

Since the original work by Krakker et al. 1983 (see also Kintigh 1988, Shott 1989,....)



the likelihood of an archaeological find within a given survey area is the product of three probabilities:

A) the probability that an archaeologist unearths what is buried (which is a function of the excavation area size and the archaeological intervention layout);

B) the probability that an artifact contained in the sampled area would be detected by the archaeologist (which among other things depends on whether or not the depositional unit contents are screened, the size and composition of the artifact, and the nature of sediment);

C) the probability that the archaeologically sampled area contained

Spatial Prediction at the intra-site observation scale

the detection probability of an individual artefact can be determined using the following equation (Verhagen et al., 2013)

$$D = 1 - e^{-AdW}$$

where

D = detection probability;

e = the base of natural logarithms (2.711828);

A = the area of the sampling unit;

d = the density of artefacts per area unit; and

W = the observation probability, i.e. the probability that an artefact will be recognized as such when it is recovered.

Spatial Prediction at the intra-site observation scale

We can modify Verhagen's model of detection probability of artifacts adding Schiffer discard equation

$$P = 1 - e^{-AdTD}$$

where

D = Probability the action too occurred at this place

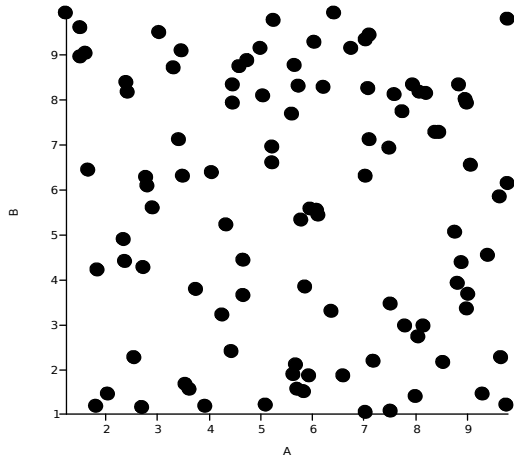
e = the base of natural logarithms (2.711828);

A = the area of the sampling unit;

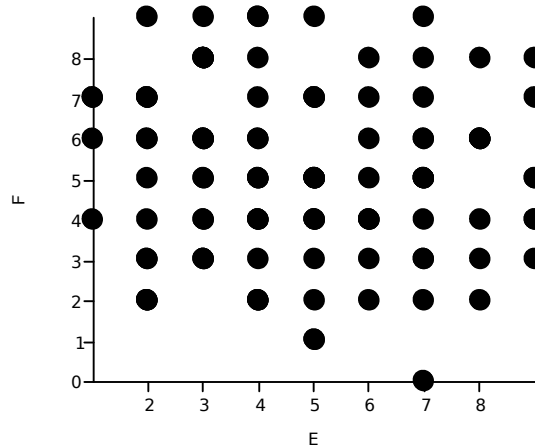
d = the density of artefacts per area unit; and

TD = Number of particular refuse material generated by that action at that particular place during the occupation span

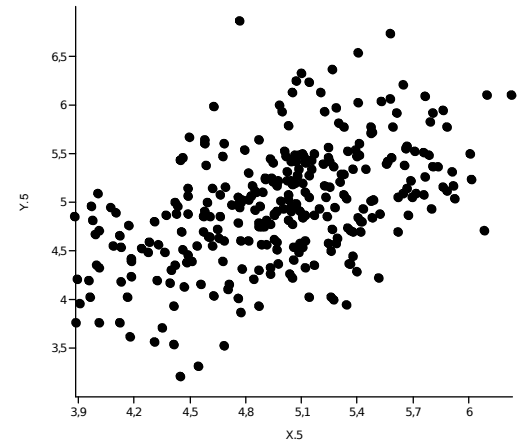
PROCESOS ESPACIALES



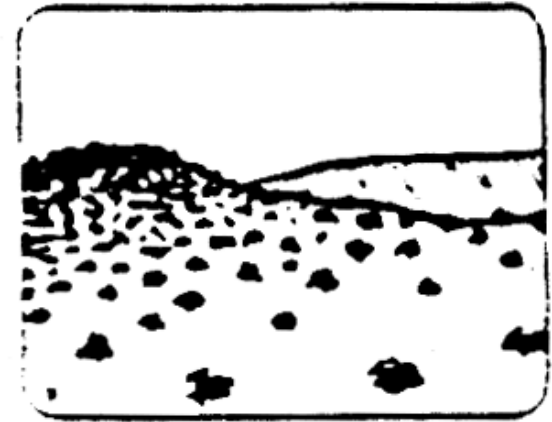
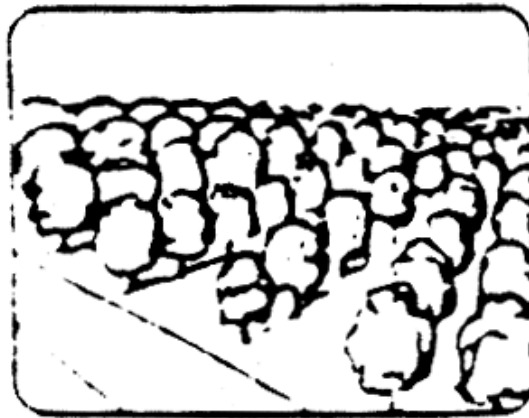
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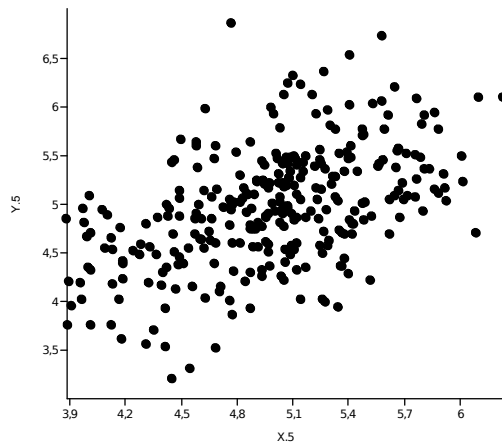


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CONCENTRADO





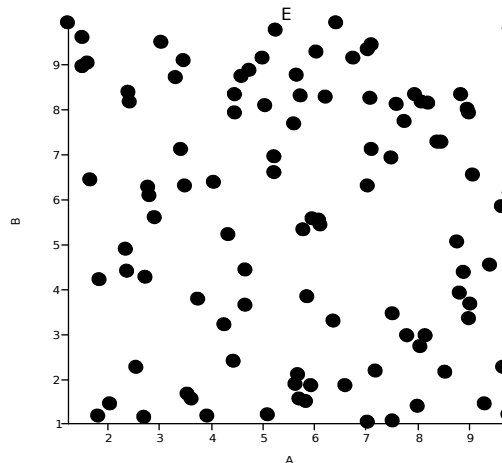
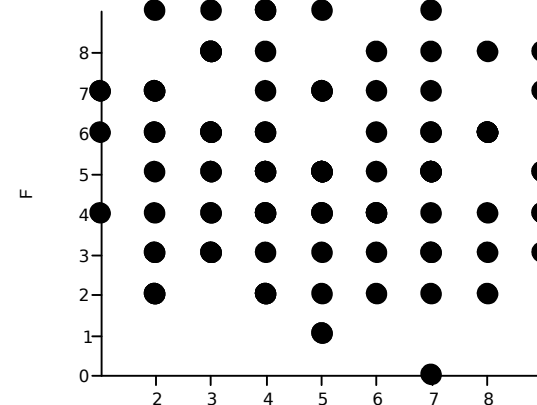
•Is observed clustering due mainly to natural background variation in the population from which events arise?

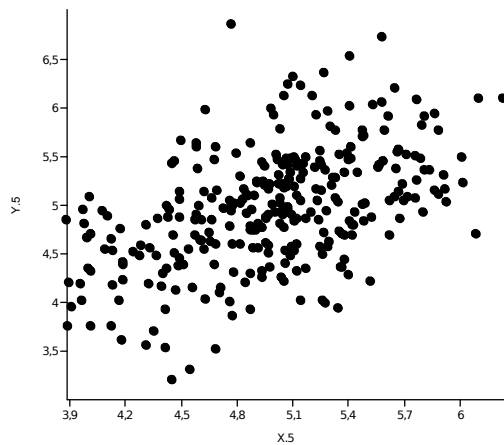
•Over what spatial scale does any clustering occur?

•Are *clusters* merely a result of some obvious a priori heterogeneity in the region studied?

•Are they associated with proximity to other specific features of interest, such the location of some other social action or possible point sources of important resources?

•Are events that aggregate in space also clustered in time?



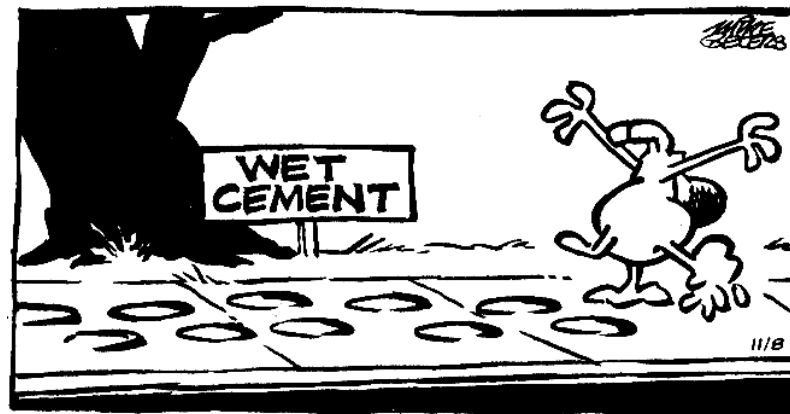


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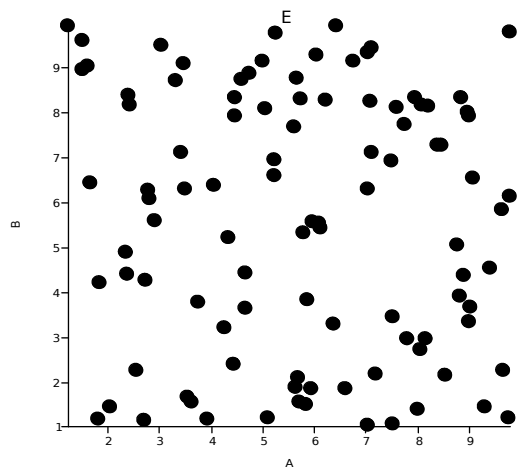
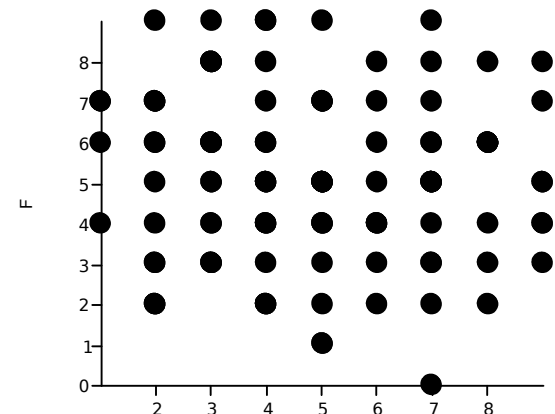


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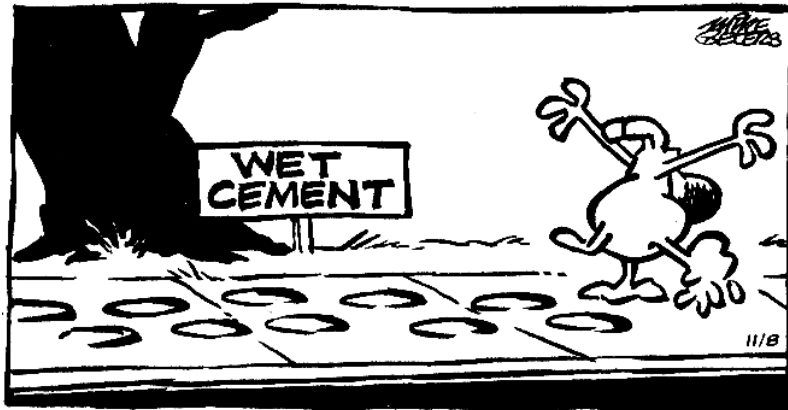




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Conducta espacialmente agregada



Conducta espacialmente uniforme



Conducta espacialmente aleatoria

Aggregated Spatial Patterns



Human activity does not take place everywhere, but it happens at some specific places because of the local conditions of places and the social and mechanical needs of that action.

If the theoretical model is correct, we should expect to find aggregated spatial patterns, instead of the usual spatial random patterns that are used as Null-Hypothesis in geographical or ecological models.

Aggregated Spatial Patterns



THE IMPORTANCE OF ZERO VALUES: EMPTY PLACES.

Overdispersion: we can say that when points are overdispersed, a point's presence reduces the probability of finding another nearby

Aggregated Spatial Patterns



THE IMPORTANCE OF ZERO VALUES: EMPTY PLACES.

Nevertheless, zero inflation may appear in data sets with excess of empty places caused by false-zero observations because of sampling or observer errors in the course of data collection.

What's wrong with Poisson?

It describes the probability that a count unit appears at a sampling (space-time) unit.

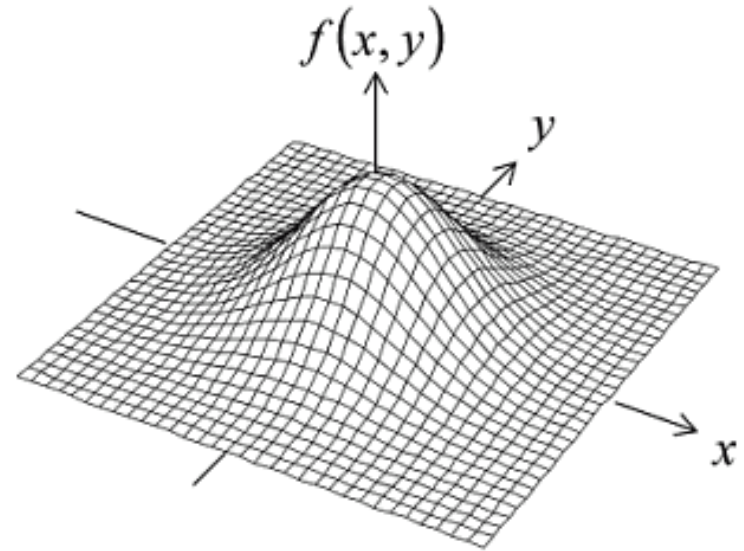
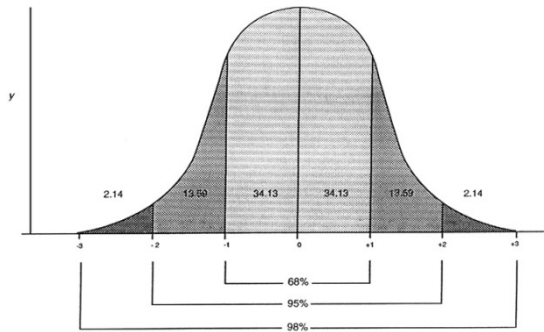


ASSUMPTIONS

$$f(k; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

1. The probability of a success during a very small interval of time Δt is given by $\alpha \cdot \Delta t$.
2. The probability of more than one success during such a small time interval Δt is negligible.
3. The probability of success in non-overlapping intervals Δt are independent.

The Bivariate Normal Model



The Bivariate Normal Distribution

A pair of random variables X and Y have a bivariate normal distribution iff their joint probability density is given by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{e^{\left(\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \right) \left(\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \right)^2 - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_1)(y-\mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} + \left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2} \right)^2 \right) \right)}}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $-\infty < y < \infty$, where $\sigma_1 > 0$, $\sigma_2 > 0$, and $-1 < \rho < 1$.

Spatial Dependence and Tobler's Law

Human dispersal of material elements fast never is random

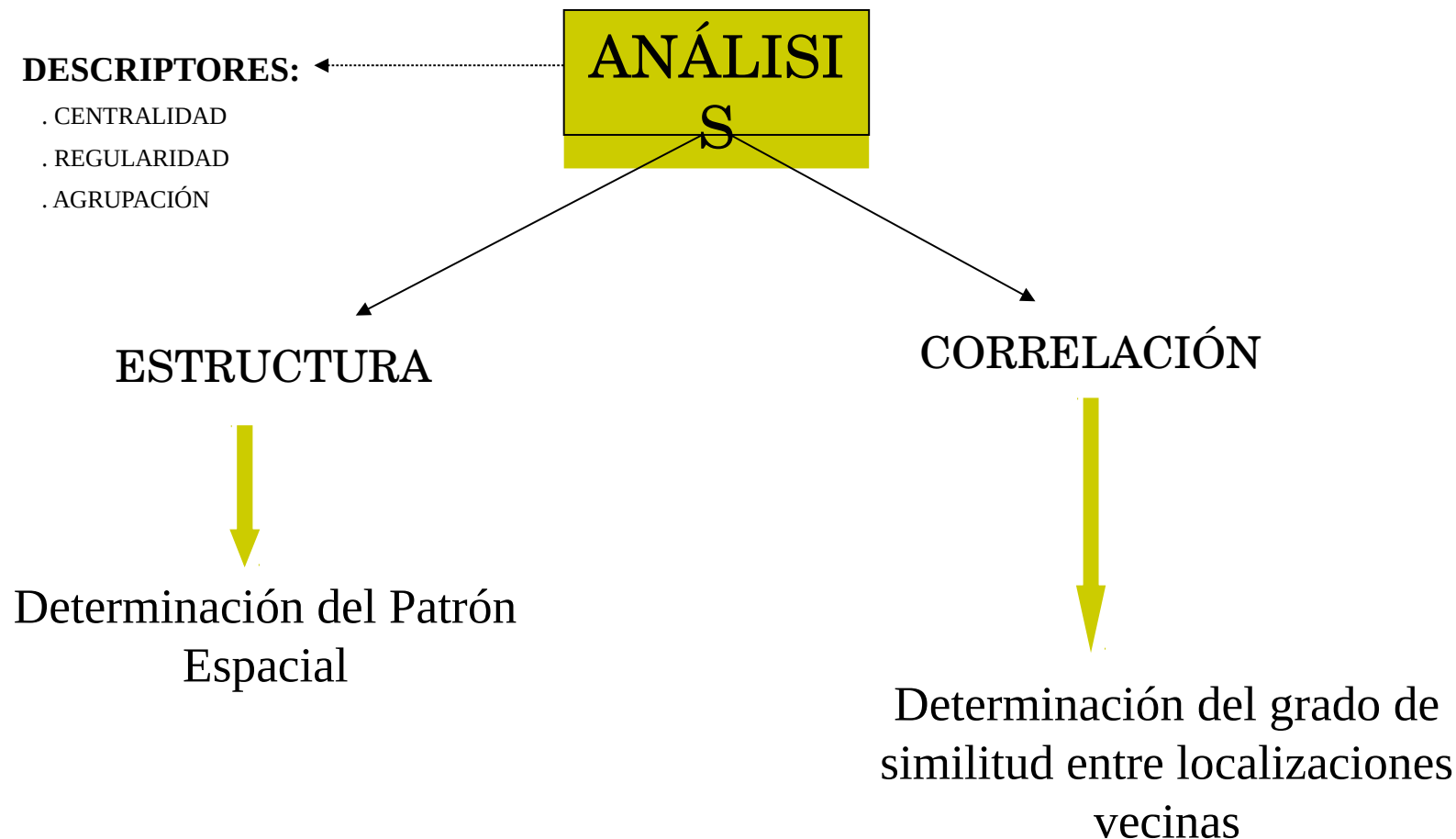


Everything is related to everything else, but near things are more related than distant things.

-Waldo Tobler



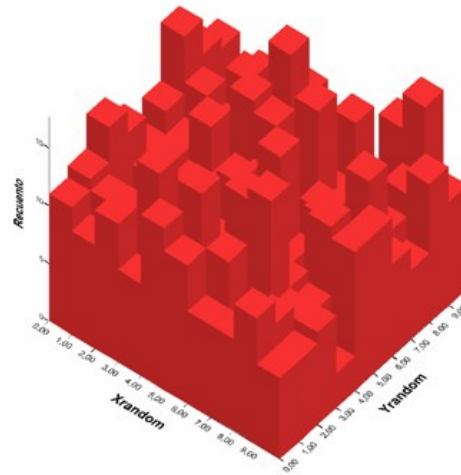
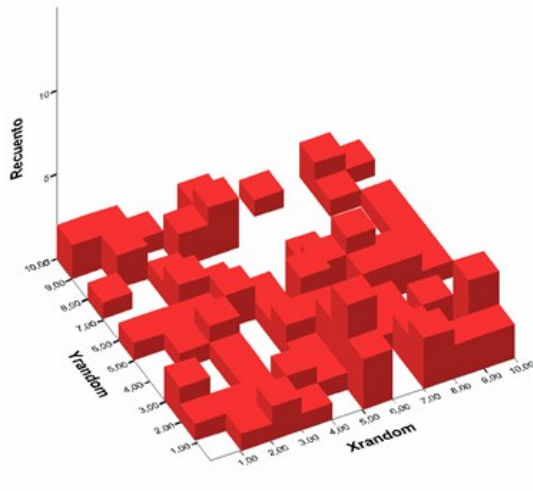
¿**Cómo** se estudia la *variabilidad espacial* observada?



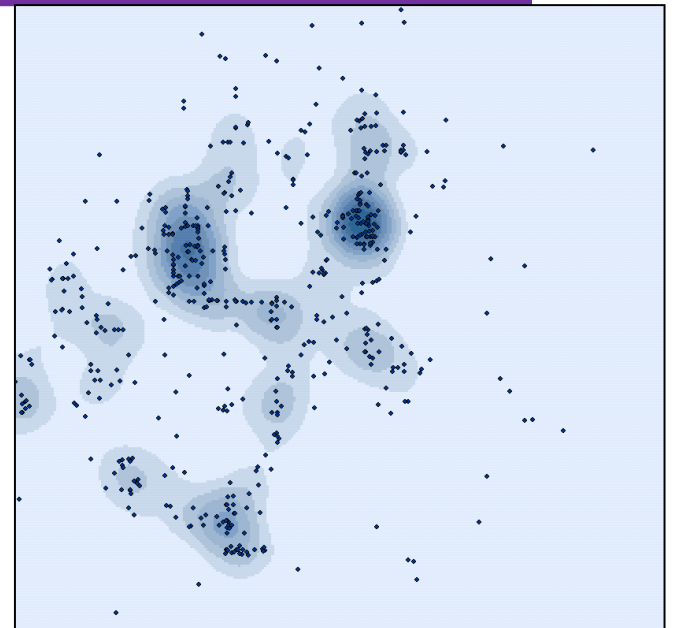
First order Spatial Analysis

Variation in spatial pattern indicative of the INTENSITY of a process at particular location

3D histogram



Kernel 2D density



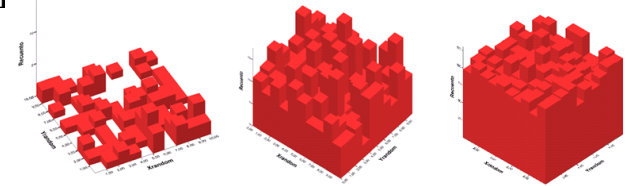
4. Análisis espacial de poblaciones teóricas.

POBLACIONES TEÓRICAS

i. PROCESO ALEATORIO ($n=100$; $n=1000$): La ausencia de la relación

Incremento en n provoca:

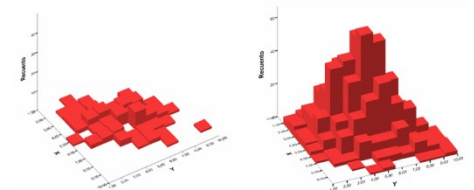
- Mayor irregularidad en la TASA DE CAMBIO = Retículas vecinas sin relación.
- Una tendencia a la homogeneidad espacial “difuminando” la aleatoriedad



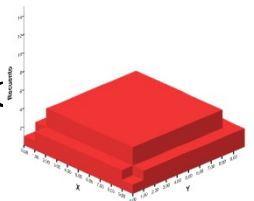
ii. PROCESO ESPACIALMENTE NORMALIZADO ($n=100$; $n=1000$): La relación positiva.

Incremento en n provoca:

- Retículas vecinas con relación.
- Refuerza el carácter binormal.



iii. PROCESO ESPACIALMENTE uniforme ($n=325$; $n=179$): La relación negativa. (distribución Poisson).



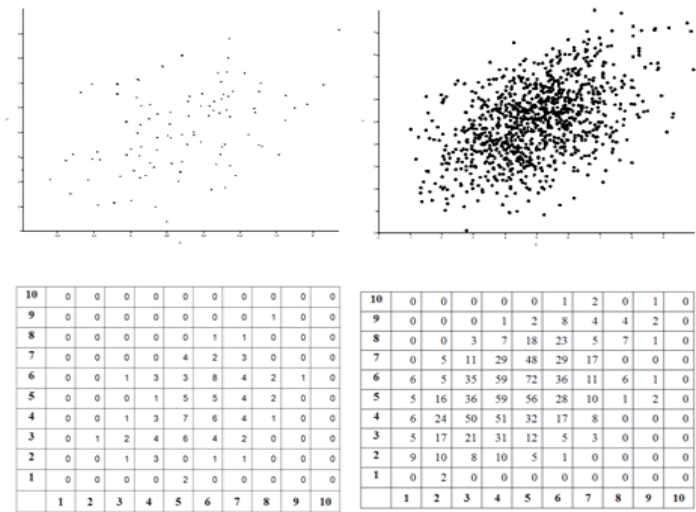
IMPLICACIONES:

REGISTRO DE LA VARIABILIDAD ESPACIAL: ¿Coordenados o Frecuencia?

Problema: El formato de datos condiciona las pruebas a realizar.

Solución: Congruencia en las herramientas analíticas.

CONSECUENCIA: La interpretación (modelo) necesita de datos **GEOESTADÍSTICOS** (frecuencia espacial), aunque lo ideal es partir desde **COORDENADOS**.



Visualización Patrón Espacial

KERNEL DENSITY ESTIMATION :

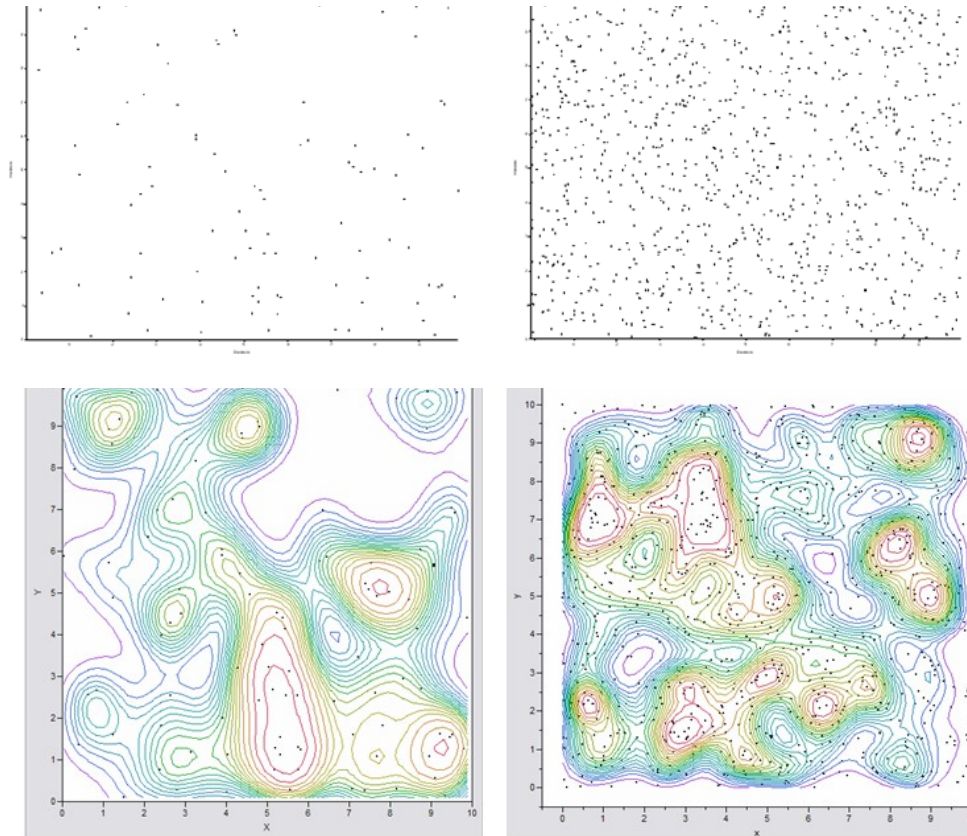


Figura 35: Densidad Kernel en 2D; n=100 a la izquierda, n=1000 a la derecha.

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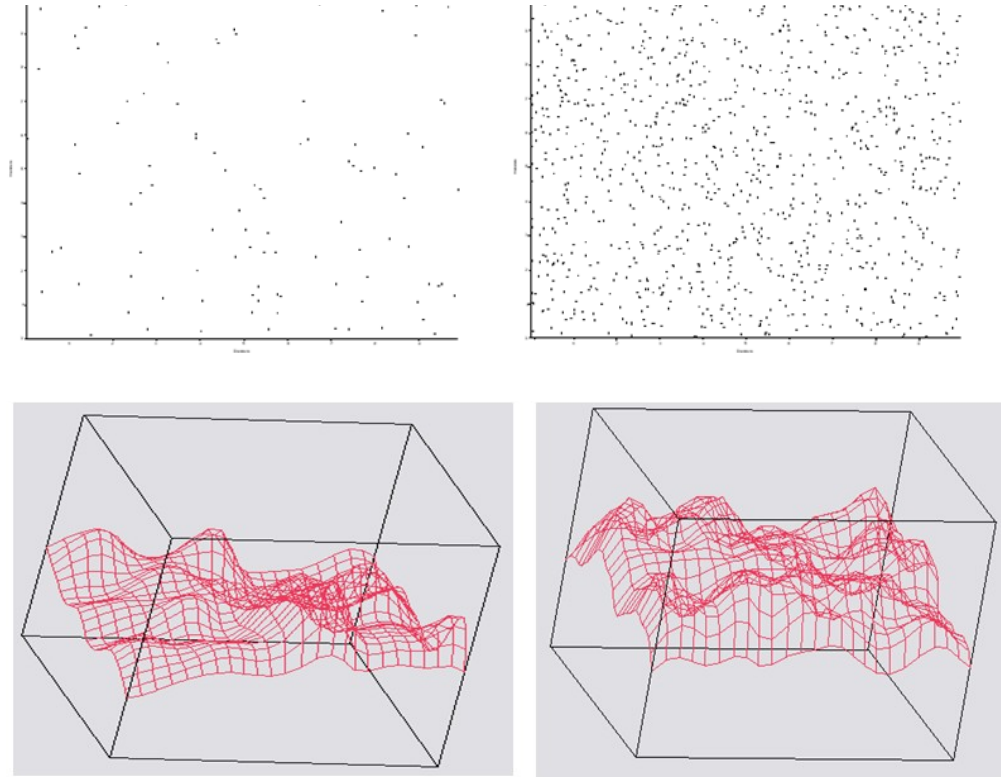
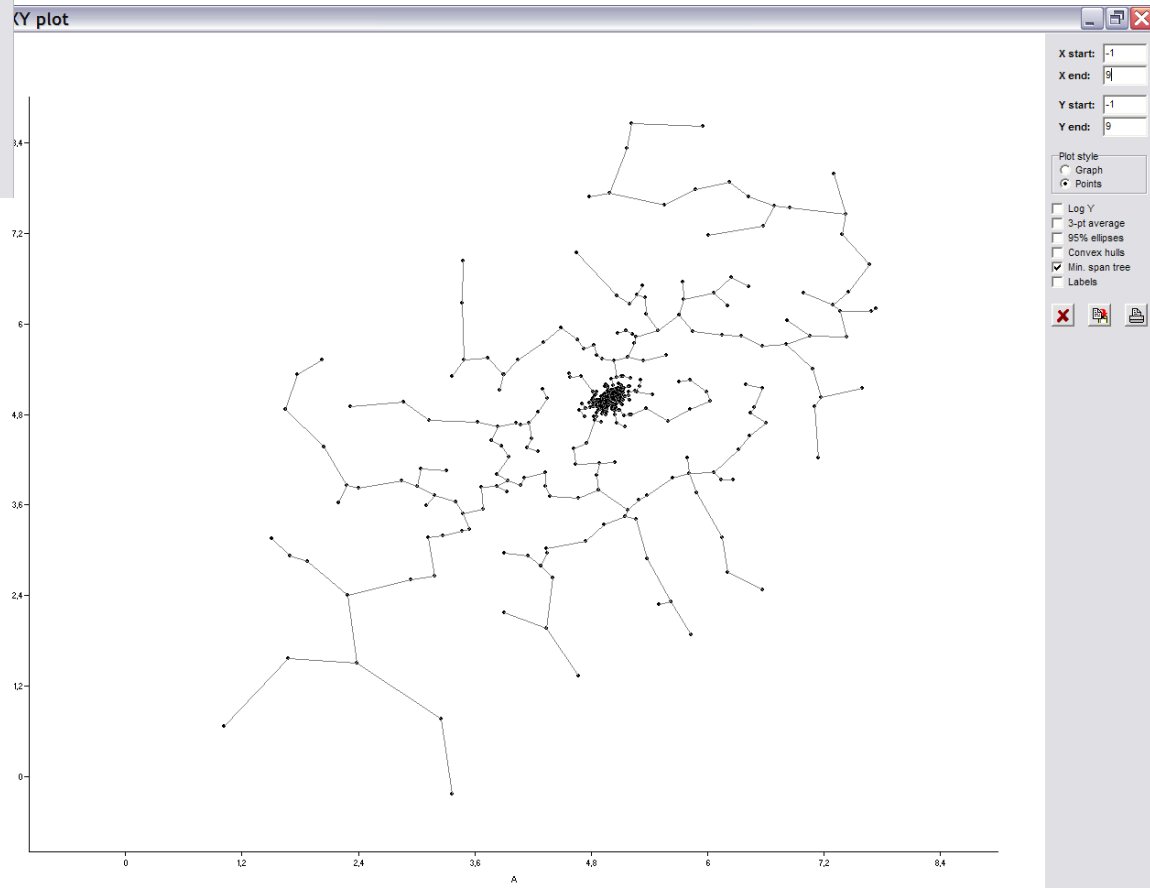
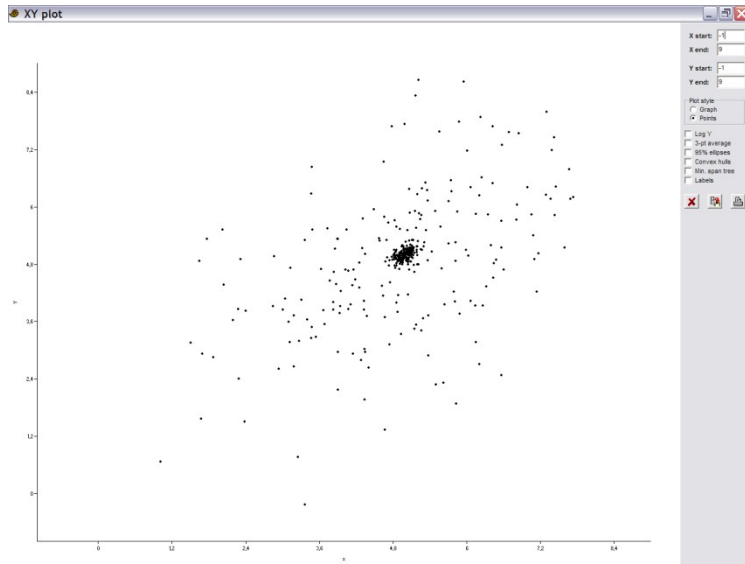


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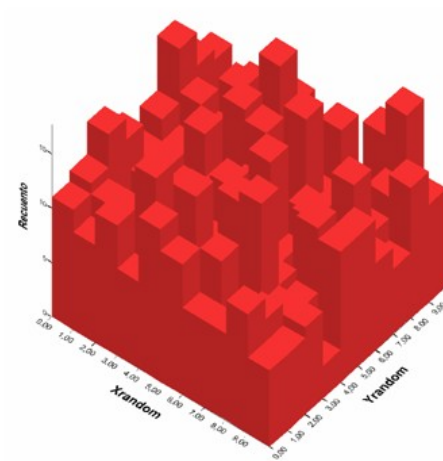
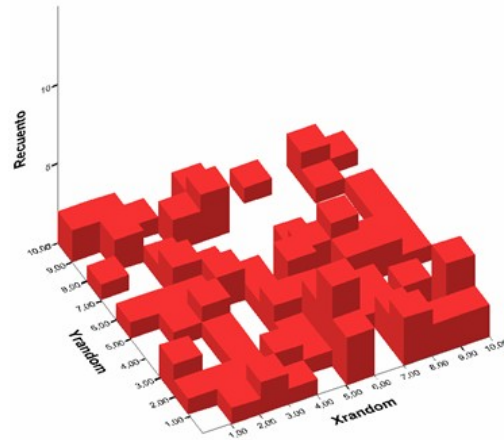
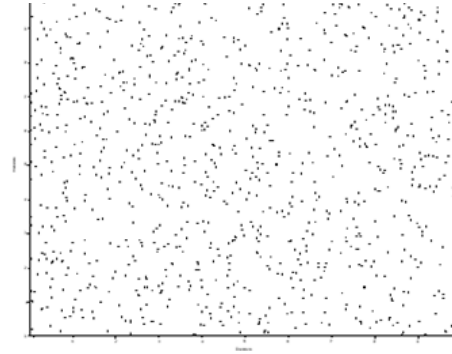
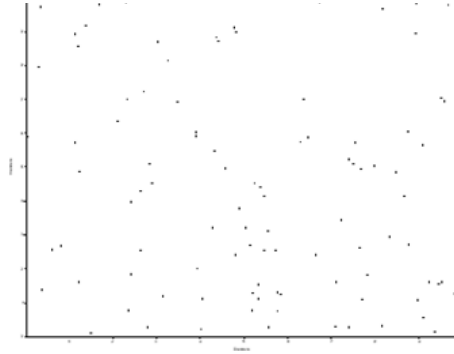
Describing spatial variability: minimum spanning tree



PAST:

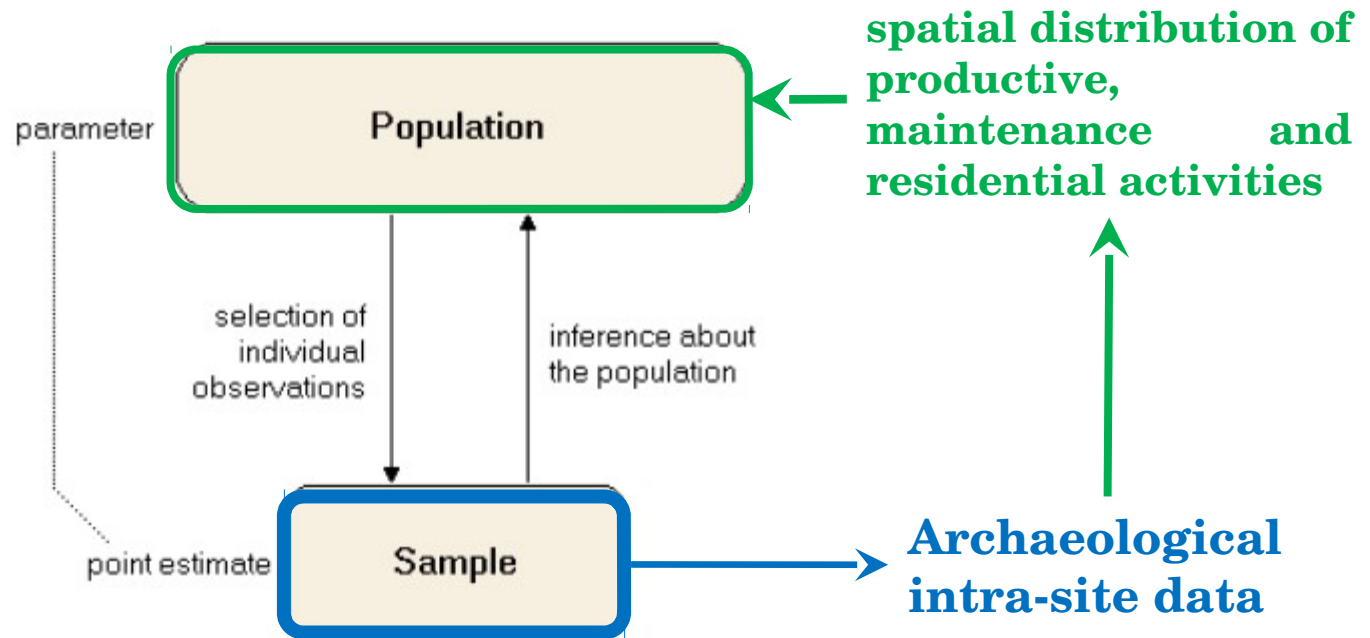
Visualización Patrón Espacial

Diagrama de barras 3D : x / y / frecuencia:spss



Spatial Prediction at the intra-site scale

Where social action happened?



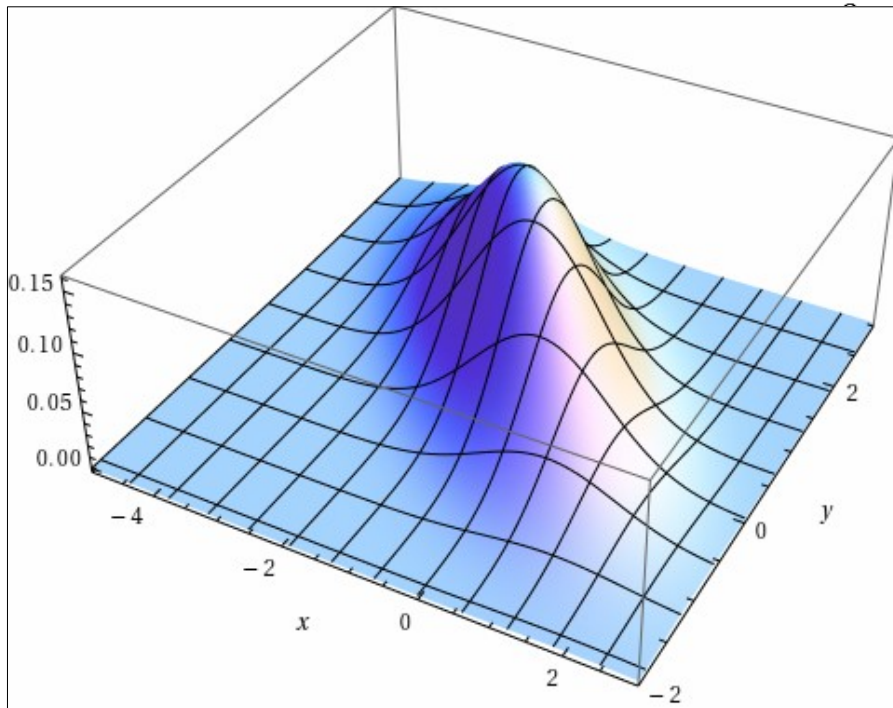
Where archaeological observables occur?

FITTING BIVARIATE NORMAL

Test of Mardia

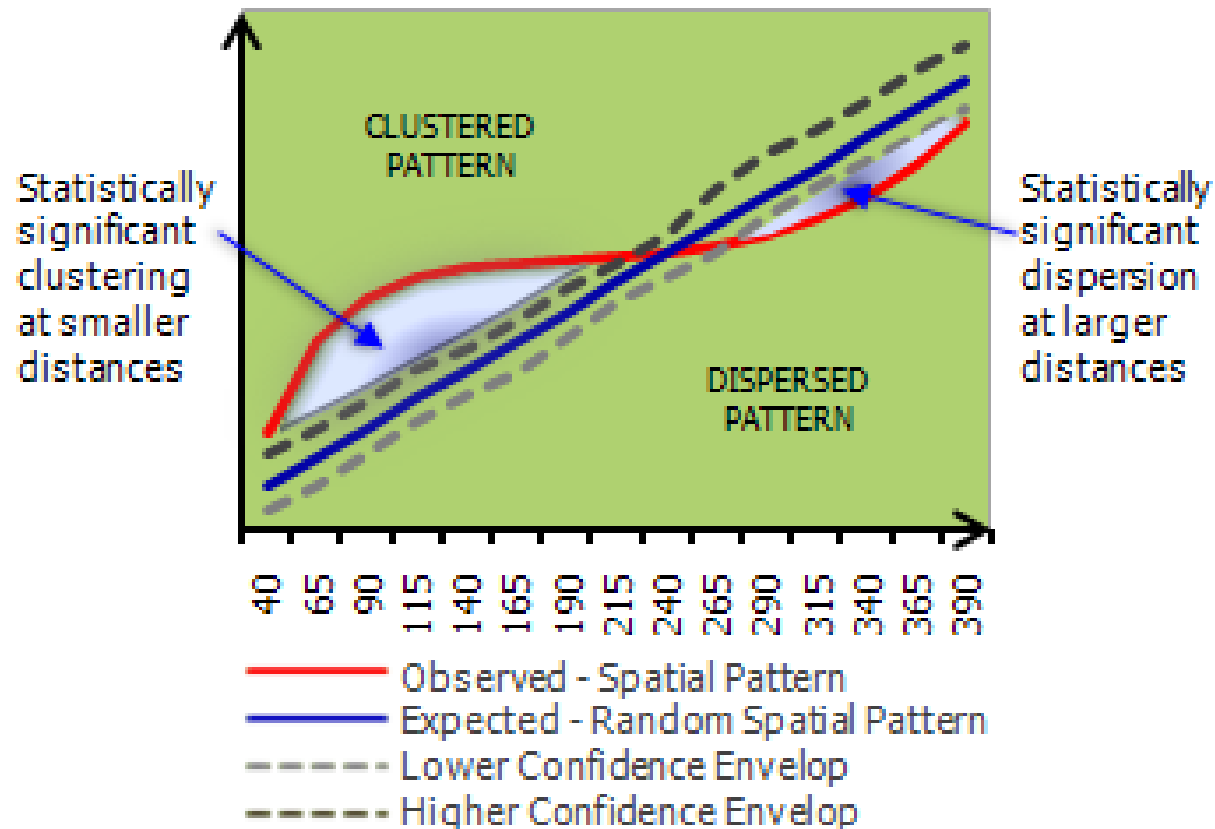
$$b_{2,d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \mu)' S^{-1} (X_i - \mu)]$$

skeweness and kurtosis
multivariate test

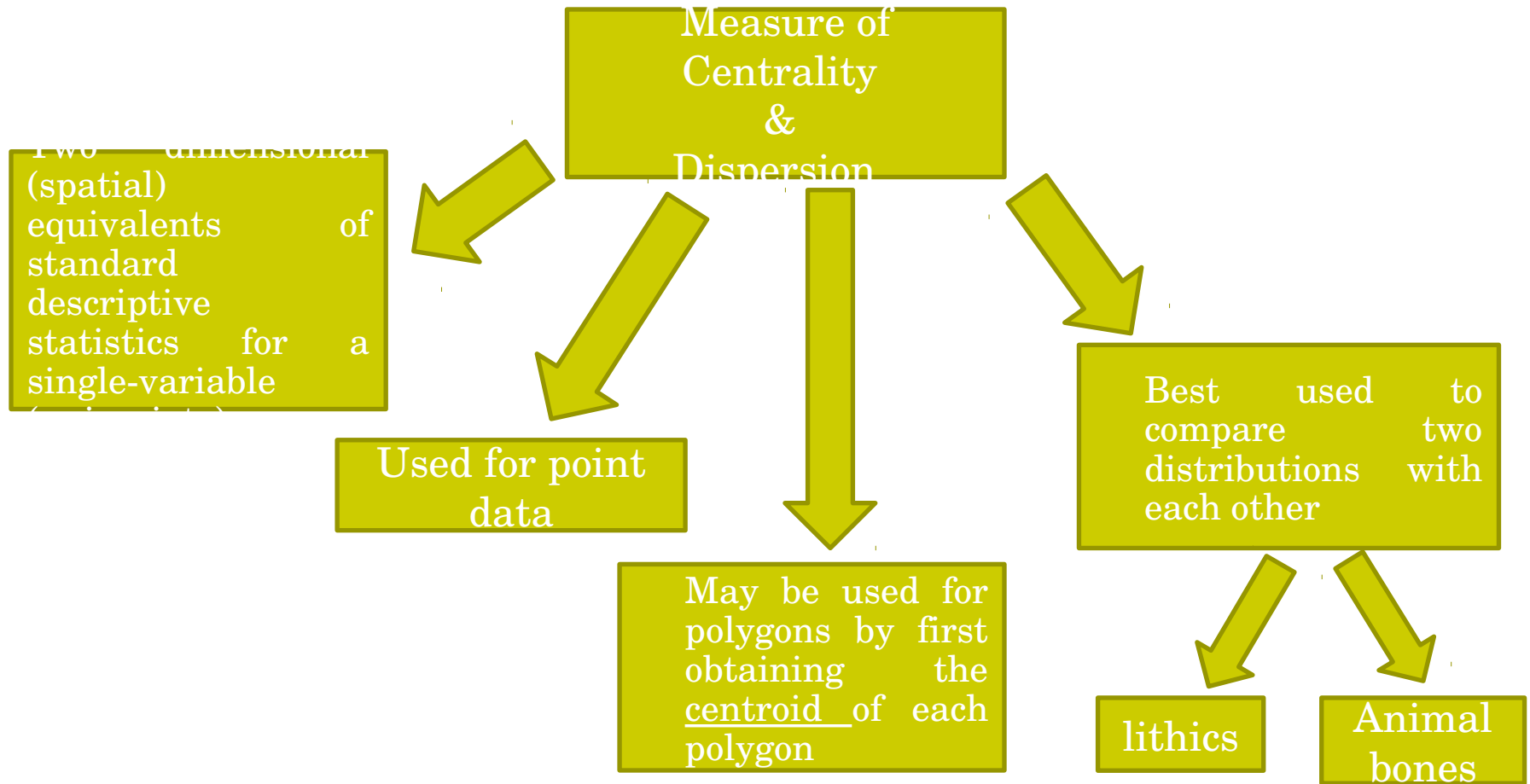


Normality Test			
Equation	Test Statistic	Value	Prob
System	Mardia Skewness	14.32	0.1588
	Mardia Kurtosis	1.56	0.1185

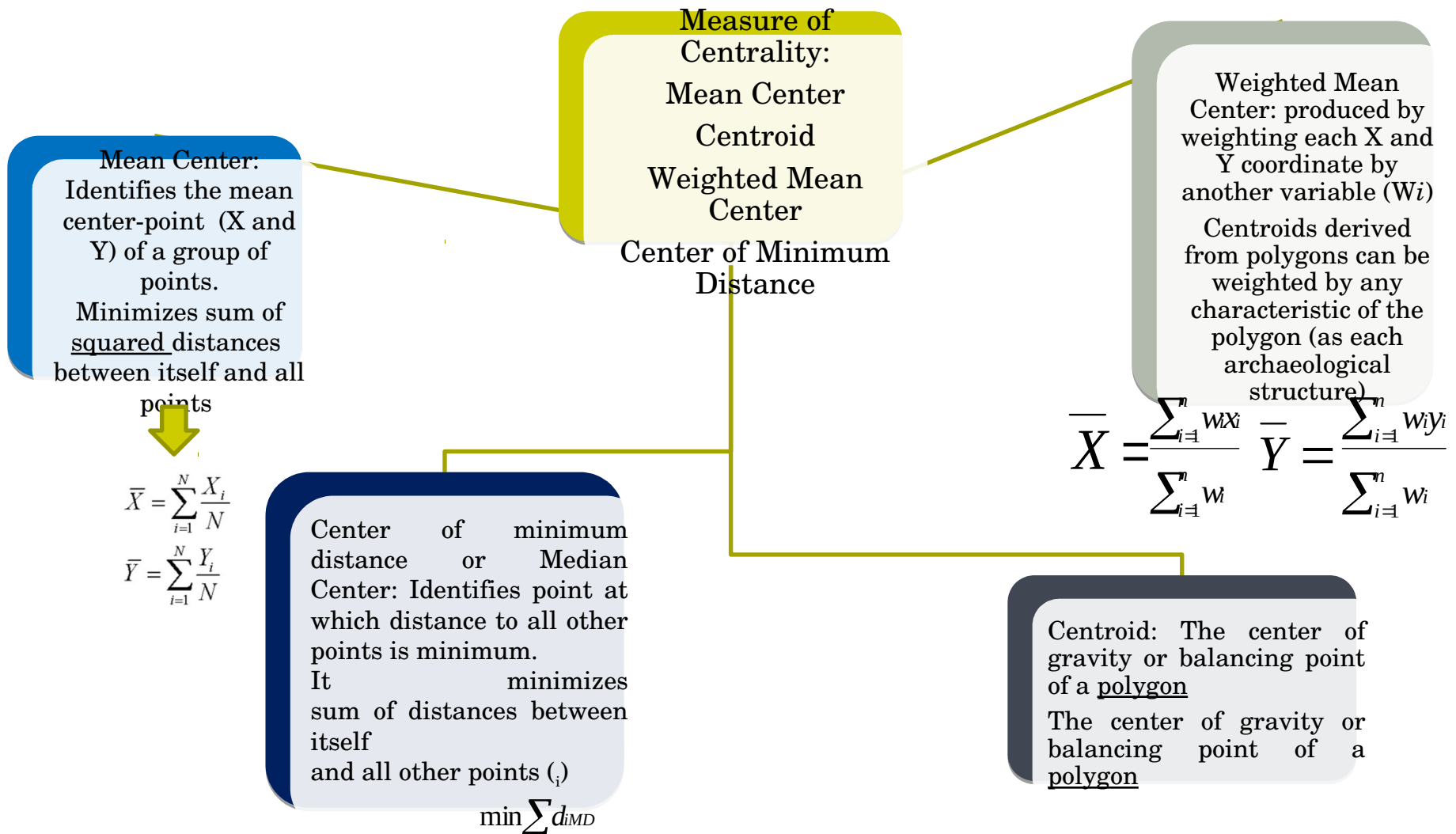
MEASURING THE DEGREE OF AGGREGATION



Centrographic Statistics



Centrographic Statistics



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Measures of dispersion

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graph TD; A[Measures of dispersion] --> B[Standard Distance Deviation]; A --> C[Standard Deviational Ellipse];
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Standard Distance Deviation

Represents the standard deviation of the distance of each point from the mean center

Is the two dimensional equivalent of standard deviation for a single variable

Provides a single unit measure of the spread or dispersion of a distribution.

Standard Deviational Ellipse

It is a good single measure of the dispersion of the points around the mean center, but it does not capture any *directional bias*

The *standard deviation ellipse* gives dispersion in two dimensions

Centrographic Statistics

Standard Distance Deviation

Formulae
for
standard
deviation of
single
variable



Given by

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_c)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - Y_c)^2}{N}}$$

Or, with weights

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i (X_i - X_c)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i (Y_i - Y_c)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}}$$



Which by Pythagoras:

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_{ic}^2}{N}}$$

essentially the average distance of points from the center

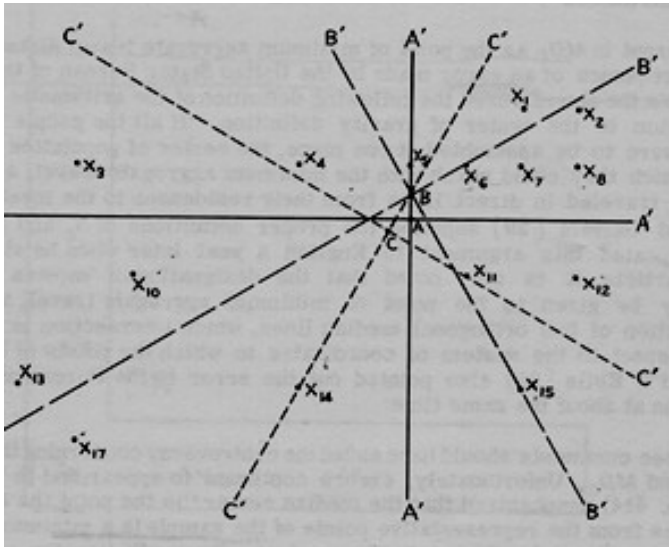


We can also calculate a weighted standard distance
analogous to the weighted mean center

Centrographic Statistics

Center of Minimum Distance or *Median Center*

Also called *point of minimum aggregate travel*



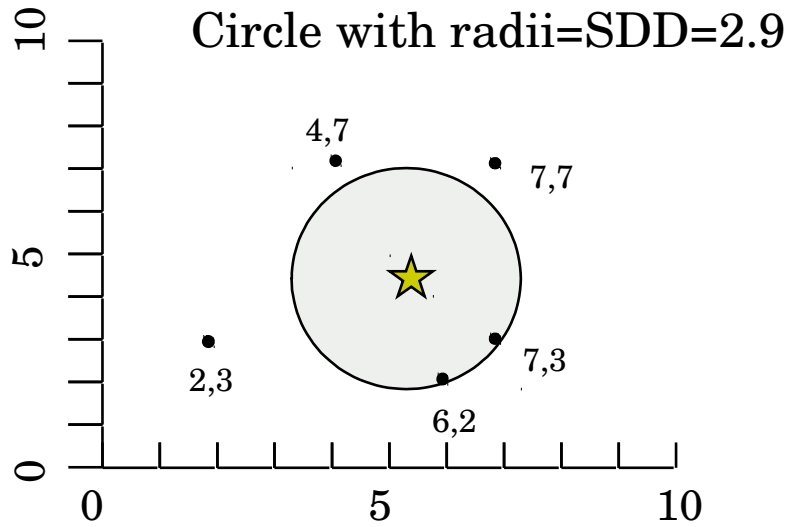
$$X^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i^t X_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i^t}$$

$$Y^{t+1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i^t Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i^t}$$

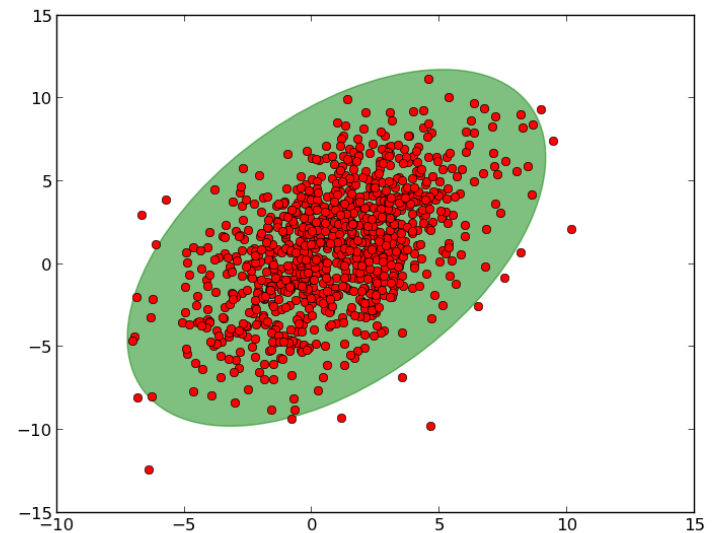
$$K_i^t = w_i / d_i^t$$

Standard Distance Deviation

$$sdd = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_c)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - Y_c)^2}{N}}$$



i	X	Y	(X - X _c) ²	(Y - Y _c) ²
1	2	3	10.2	2.0
2	4	7	1.4	6.8
3	7	7	3.2	6.8
4	7	3	3.2	2.0
5	6	2	0.6	5.8
sum	26	22	18.8	23.2
Centroid	5.2	4.4		
			sum of sums	42
			divide N	8.4
			sq rt	2.90



Describing spatial variability: FISRST ORDER ANALYSIS

Mean Center and Standard Distance Deviation			Standard Deviatonal Ellipse:	
Mean Center and Standard Distance Deviation:				
Sample size	100		Sample size.....	100
Measurement type	Direct		Measurement type.....	Direct
Start time	06:08:24 PM, 03/22/2007		Start time.....	06:08:24 PM, 03/22/2007
Unit	Meters		Clockwise angle of Y-axis rotation...	39.392497 degrees
Variable	X	Y	Ratio of long to short axis.....	2.0837
Minimum	1.010000	3.751000	SD along new Y axis: 1.91 m	
Maximum	6.736000	9.215000	SD along new X axis: 0.92 m	
Mean	4.116740	6.122780	Y axis length: 3.82 m	
Standard Deviation	0.988640	1.117231	X axis length: 1.83 m	
Geometric Mean	3.978663	6.020372	Area of ellipse: 5.51 sq m	
Harmonic Mean	3.799889	5.916382	End time.....	06:08:25 PM, 03/22/2007
Average Density	3.196230 points per sq. m		Standard Deviatonal Ellipse (2X):	
Std Dist Dev	1.50 m		SD along new Y axis: 3.82 m	
Circle Area Defined by Std Dist Dev	7.06 sq m		SD along new X axis: 1.83 m	
			Y axis length: 7.65 m	
			X axis length: 3.67 m	
			Area of ellipse: 22.04 sq m	

Directional mean and variance:			
Sample size.....: 100			
Start time.....: 06:08:24 PM, 03/22/2007			
Mean angle.....: 53.379000			
(weighted).....: 52.641000			
Circular variance.....: 0.024130			
(weighted).....: 0.017758			
Mean distance.....: 3.98 m, 13.06 ft, 0.00247 mi			
Intersection of mean angle (X) (Y)			
and mean distance.....: 4.203754, 6.124706			
(weighted).....: 4.172916, 6.165645			
Triangulated mean.....: 3.870396, 5.876943			
(weighted).....: 4.116504, 6.122580			
Nearest neighbor analysis:			
Sample size.....: 100			
Measurement type...: Direct			
Start time.....: 06:12:44 PM, 03/22/2007			
Mean Nearest Neighbor Distance ...: 0.21 m			
Standard Dev of Nearest Neighbor Distance			
Minimum Distance			
Maximum Distance			
Based on Bounding Rectangle:			
Area			
Mean Random Distance			
Mean Dispersed Distance			
Nearest Neighbor Index			
Standard Error			
Test Statistic (Z)			
p-value (one tail)			
p-value (two tail)			
Order	Mean Nearest Neighbor Distance (m)	Expected Nearest Neighbor Distance (m)	Nearest Neighbor Index
****	*****	*****	*****
1	0.2109	0.2797	0.75423

CRIME III:
www.icpsr.umich.edu/crimestat/

Point distribution

Number of points: 400

Area of convex hull: 59,707

Mean density: 6,6994

Nearest neighbors:

Mean distance: 0,12241

Expected distance: 0,19318

Z value: -14,017

p(random): 1,2275E-44

R value: 0,63365

Area estimation

☐ Convex hull

☒ Smallest rectangle

Edge correction

☐ Off

☒ Wrap-around

☐ Donnelly

Orientations and distances

PAST:

Convex Hull:

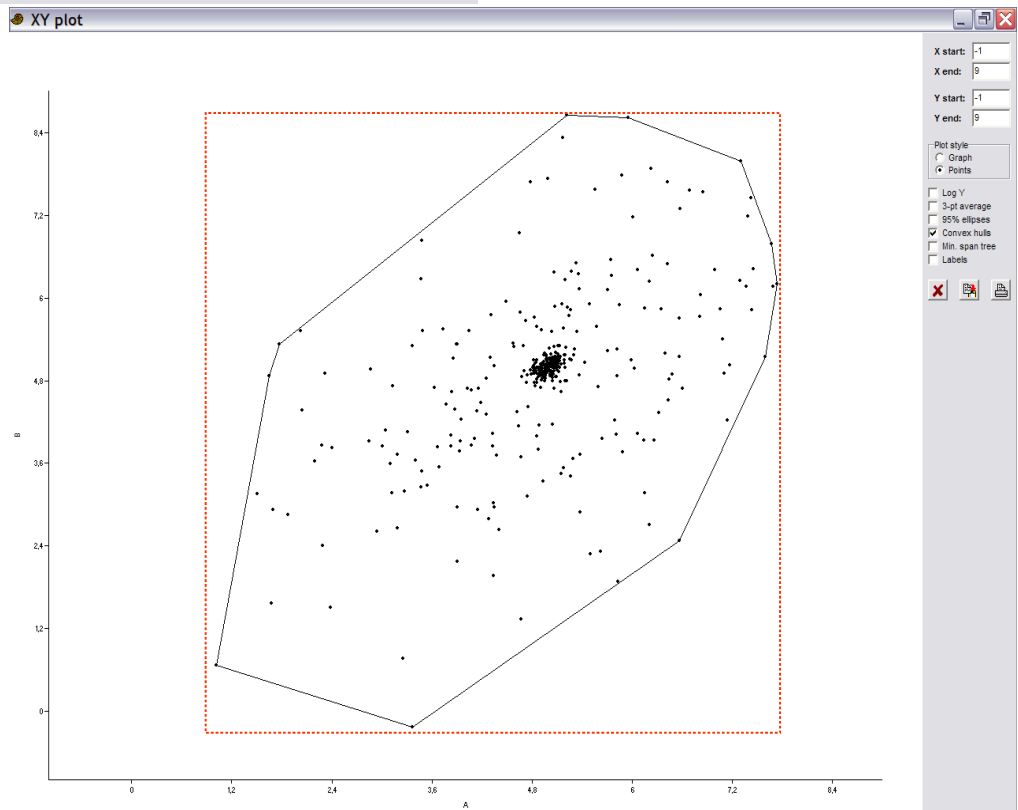
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Input units: Meters
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Points in the convex hull: 8

X	Y
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4.40000	3.97300
3.51400	3.75100
1.01000	4.69000
3.36000	7.47000
5.28500	9.21500
6.03000	9.13000
6.73600	7.43100

Describing data variability: convex hull and smallest rectangle

CRIME III:
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Point distribution

Number of points: 400
Area of convex hull: 38,354
Mean density: 10,429

Nearest neighbors:
Mean distance: 0,12241
Expected distance: 0,15483
Z value: -8,012
p(random): 1,1282E-15
R value: 0,7906

Area estimation:
☒ Convex hull
☐ Smallest rectangle

Edge correction:
☐ Off
☒ Wrap-around
☐ Donnelly

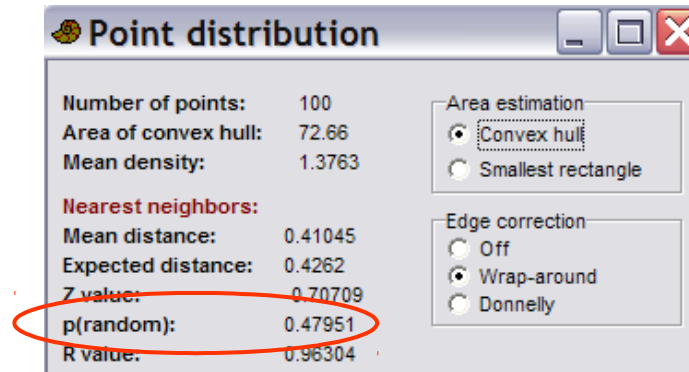
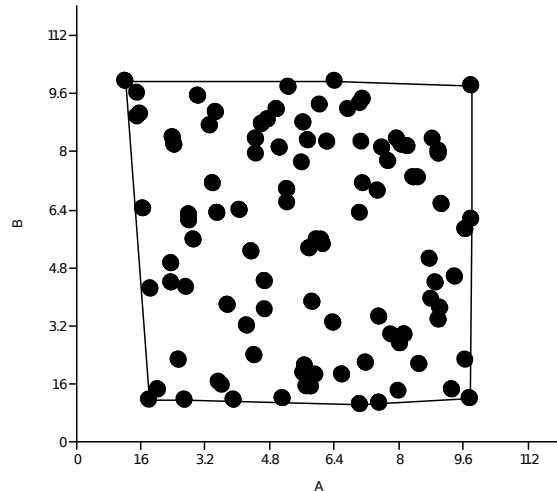
Orientations and distances

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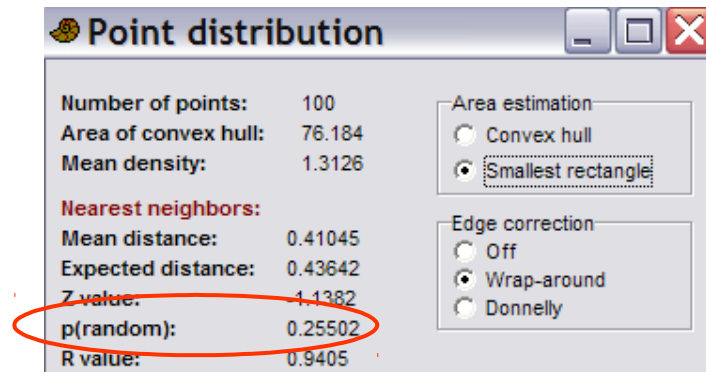
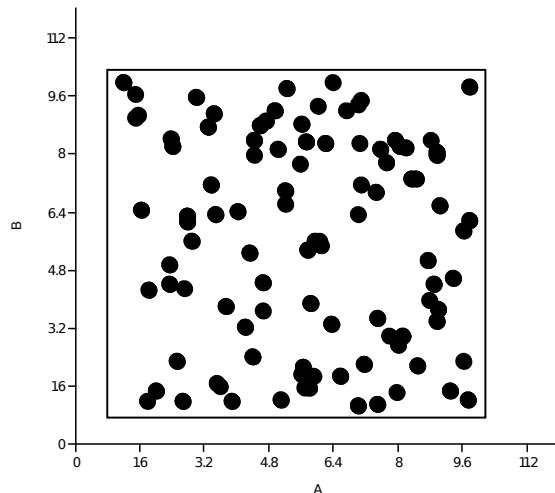
$$R = \frac{2\bar{d}}{\sqrt{A/N}},$$

Testing spatial randomness

A random distribution within its convex hull

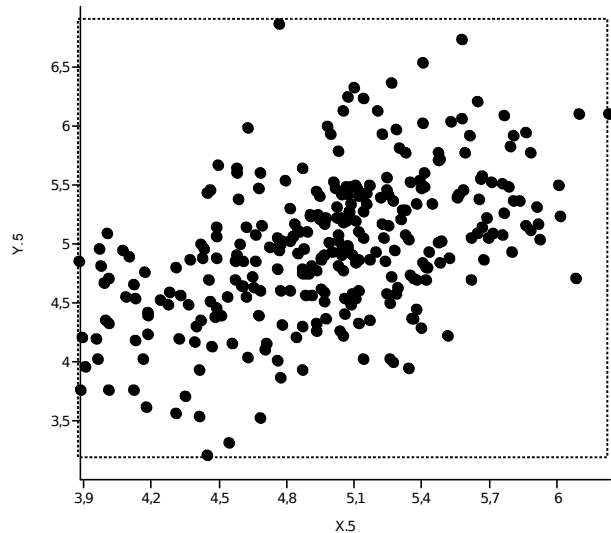
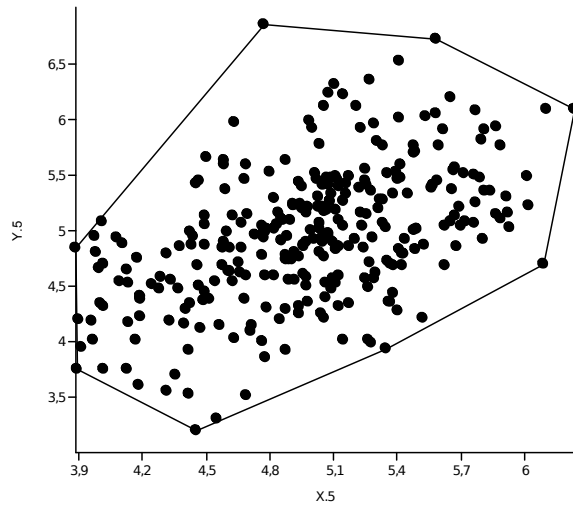


An random distribution within its smallest rectangle

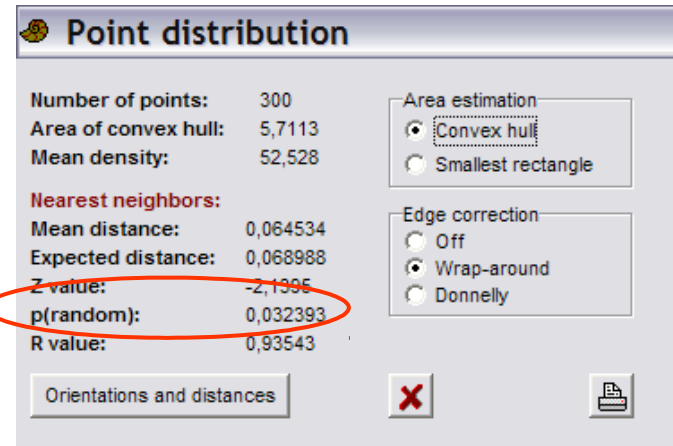


$$R = \frac{2\bar{d}}{\sqrt{A/N}},$$

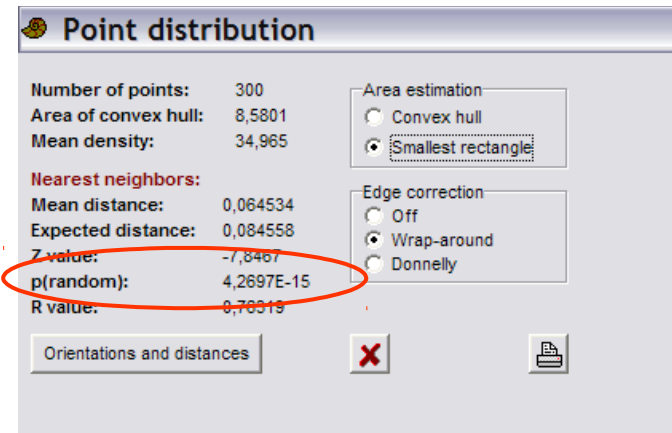
Testing spatial randomness



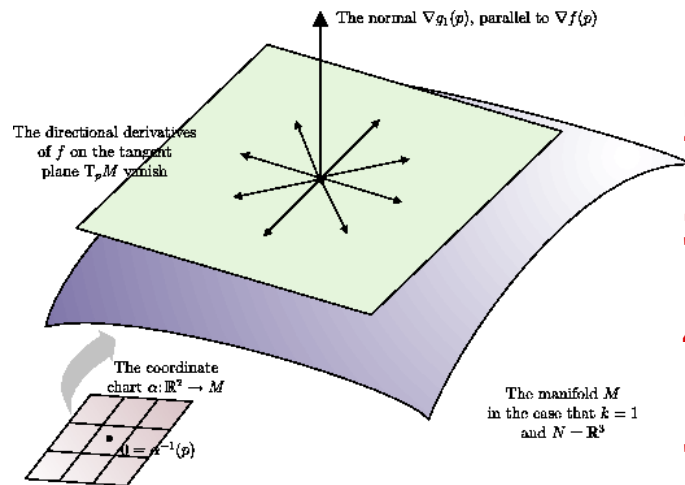
A bivariate normal distribution with mean= 5, and st. Dev = 0.5 within its convex hull



A bivariate normal distribution with mean = 5, and st. Dev= 0.5 within its smallest rectangle



Additional Difficulties

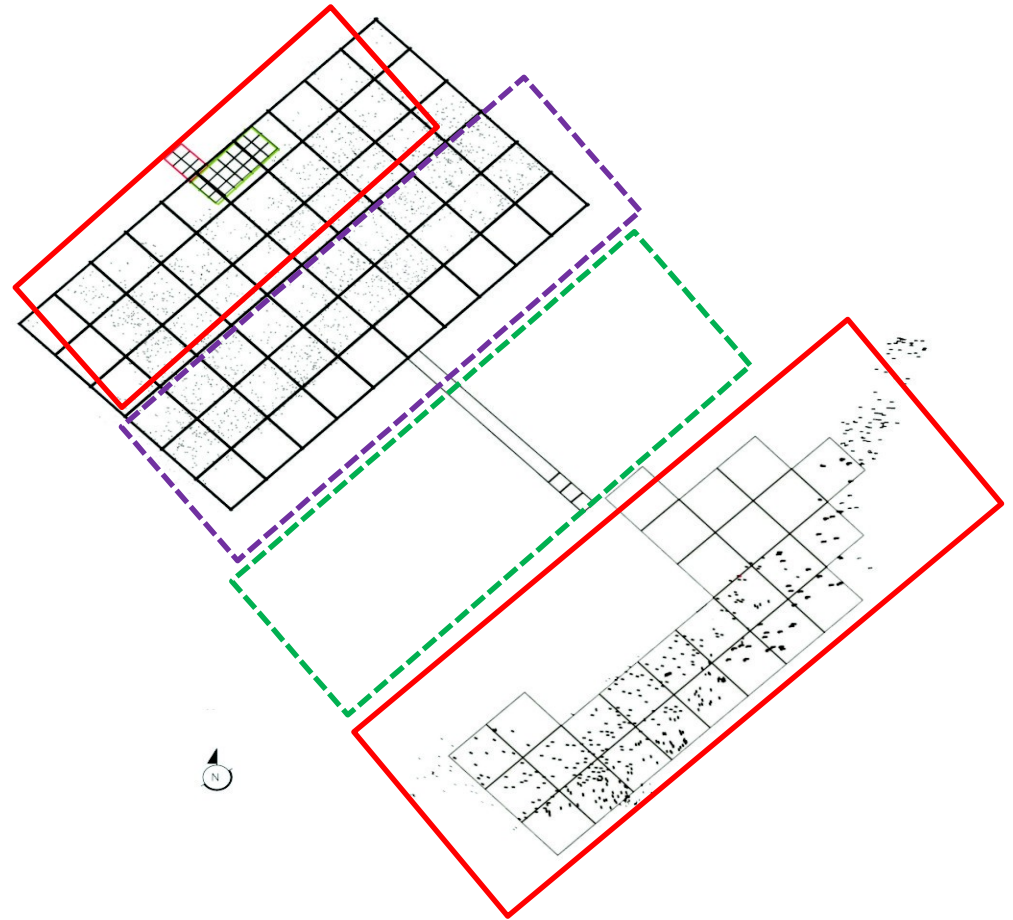


1. From count data to spatial frequencies.
2. The problem of fragmentation
3. The problem of Categorization
4. The problem of incomplete sampling
5. The problem of post.depositional alteration

The probability an activity took place somewhere is determined by the abundance and density of the material consequences of that activity

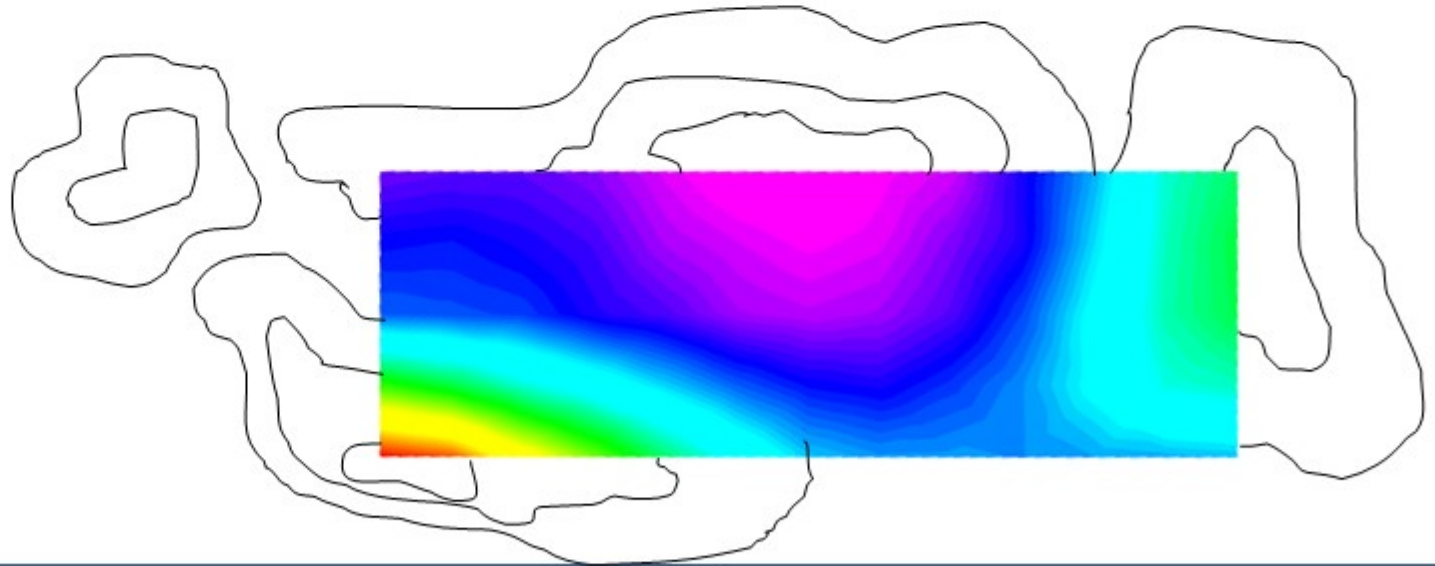
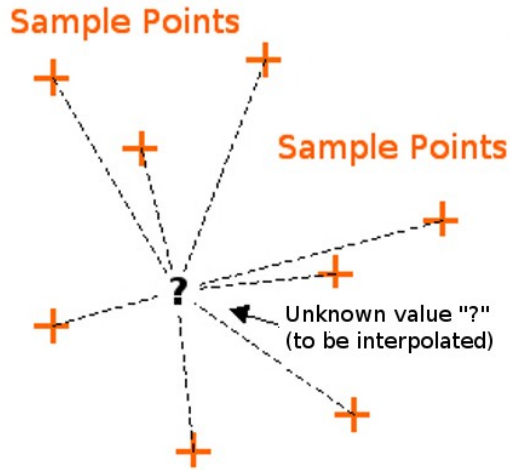
Additional Difficulties.

4. The Problem of Incomplete Surveying



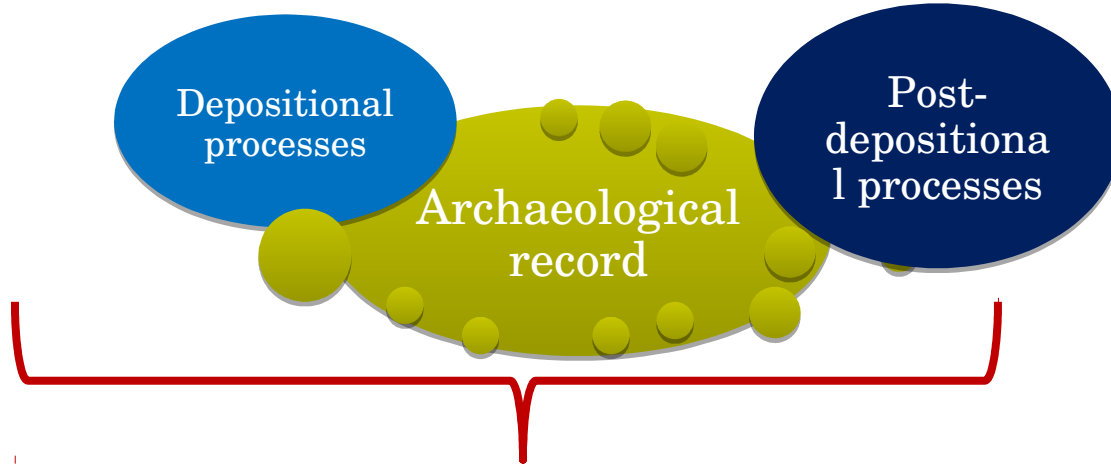
Additional Difficulties.

4. The Problem of Incomplete Surveying



Additional Difficulties.

5. The Problem of Post-Depositional Alteration



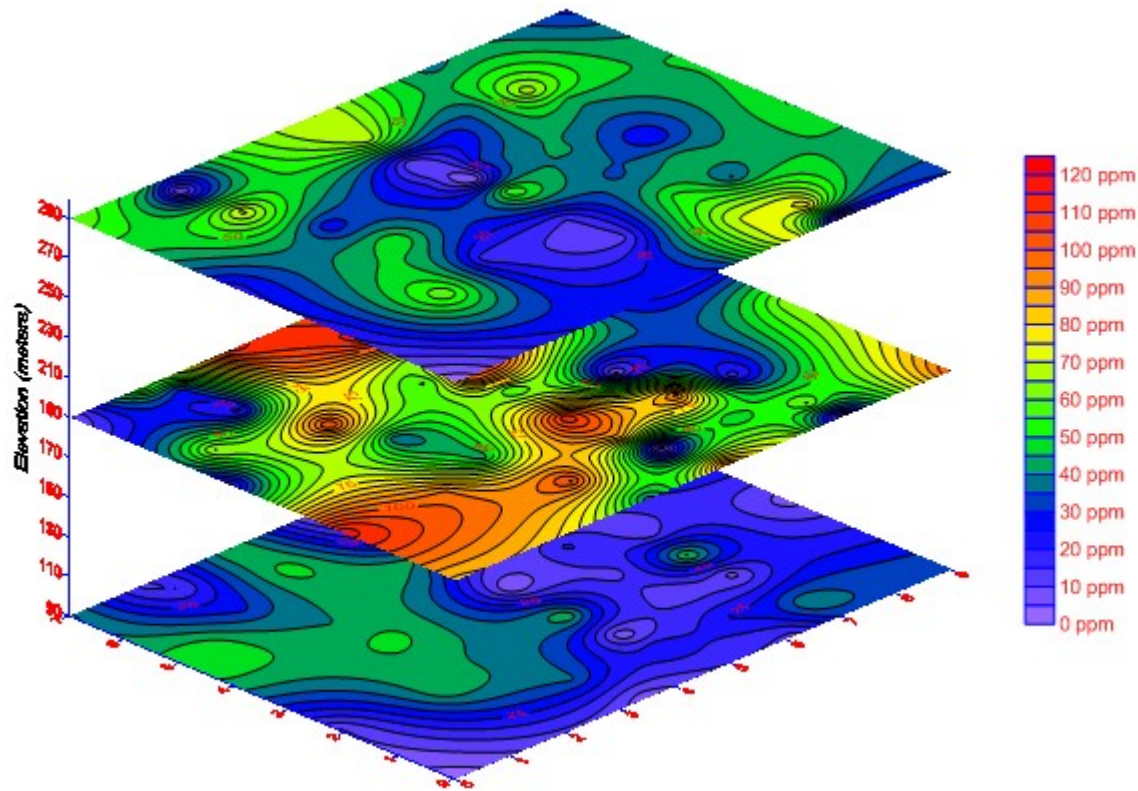
Pompeii Premise



**STUDY OF INTRA-SITE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAST
ALTERED EVIDENCE**

Additional Difficulties.

5. The Problem of Post-Depositional Alteration

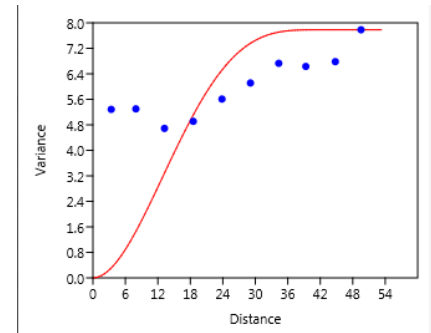
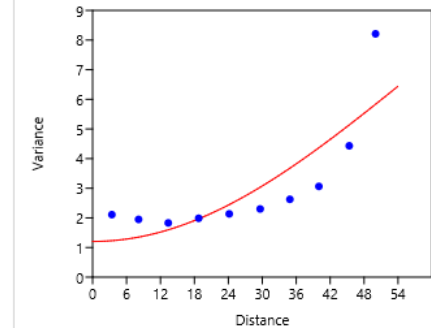
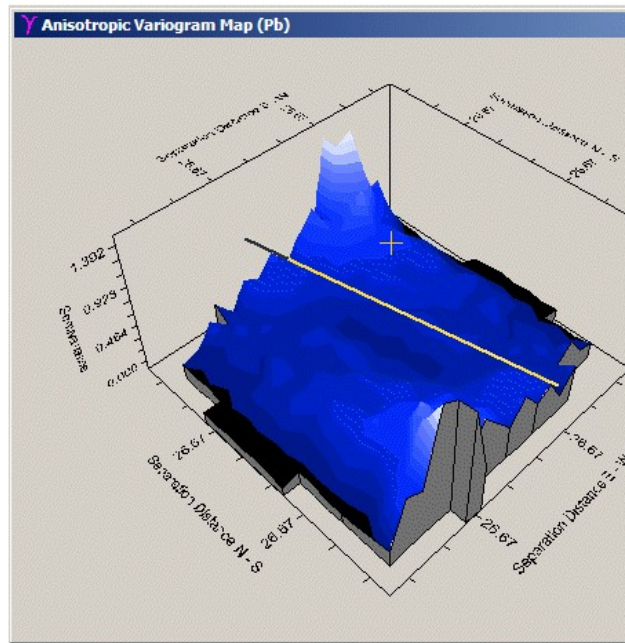


3D Layer overlaying. Spatial Correlation.

Additional Difficulties.

5. The Problem of Post-Depositional Alteration

Ground surface correlated Anisotropy



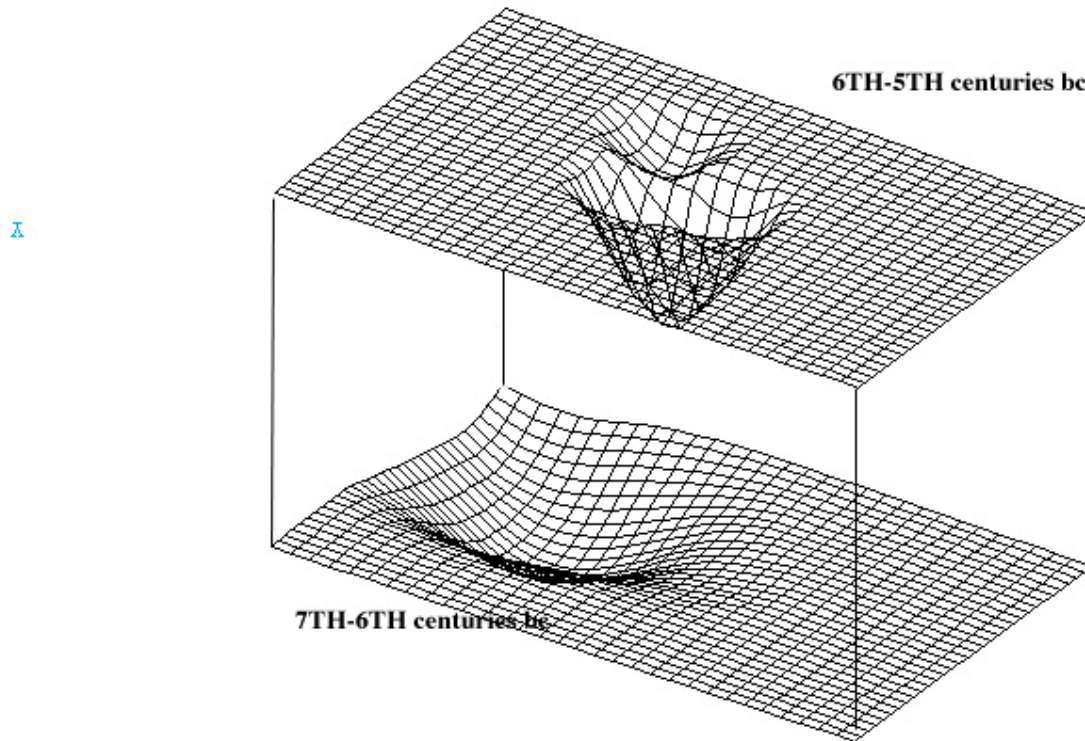
is not 3D interpolation. It is a 3D view of anisotropy
in different spatial gradients

Influence of Ground Surface on Spatial Distribution

Additional Difficulties.

5. The Problem of Post-Depositional Alteration

Ground Surface-Abundance correlation

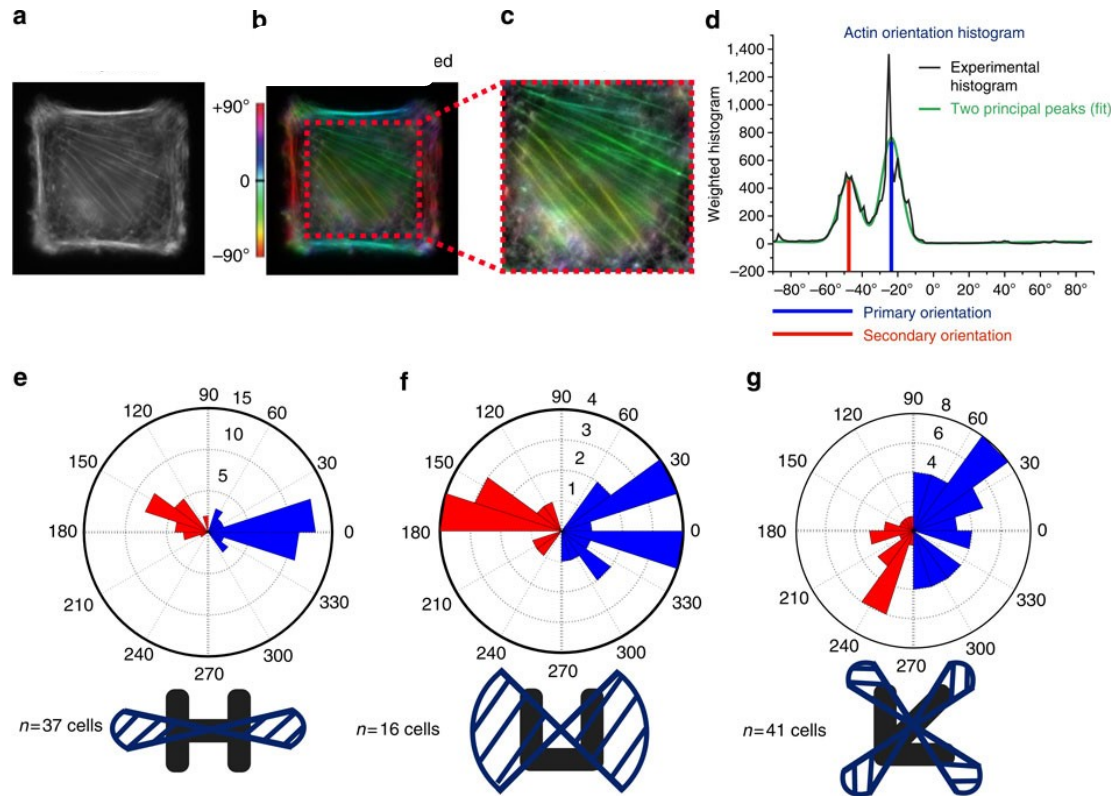


3D Layer overlaying. Spatial Correlation.

Additional Difficulties.

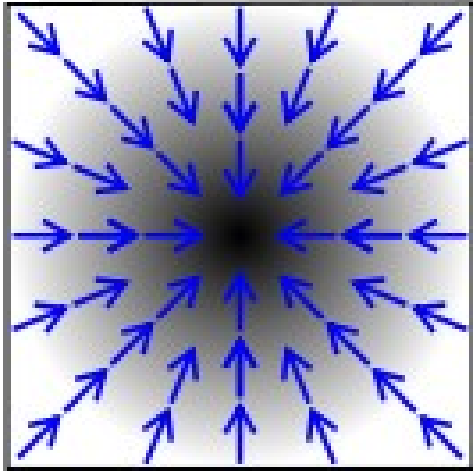
5. The Problem of Post-Depositional Alteration

Orientation Analysis



Influence of Post-Depositional movement On Spatial Distribution

Other methods for analyzing Space and Time

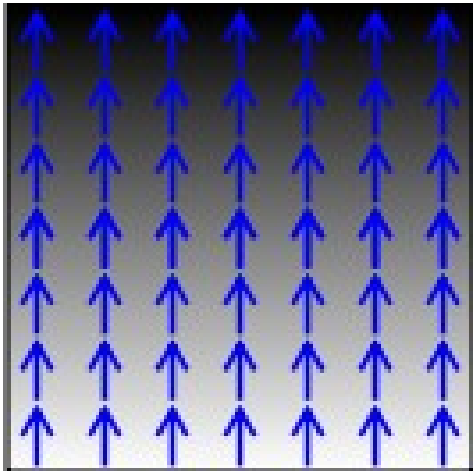


GRADIENT (1st DERIVATIVE)

Determining the rate of spatial change

Looking for “directionality”.

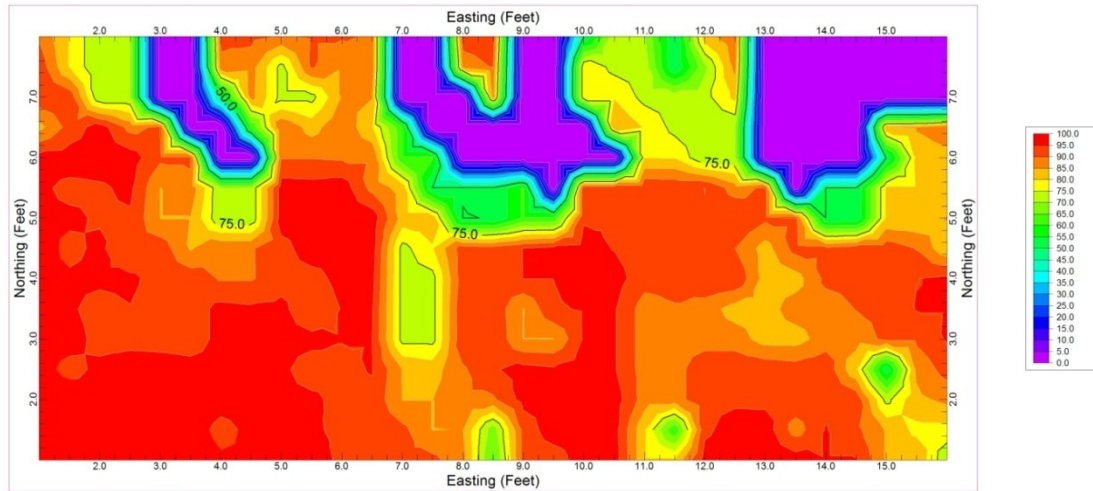
The **gradient** of a scalar field is a vector field that points in the direction of the greatest rate of increase of the scalar field, and whose magnitude is that rate of increase. In simple terms, the variation in space of any quantity can be represented (e.g. graphically) by a slope. The gradient represents the steepness and direction of that slope.



Gradient and directivity

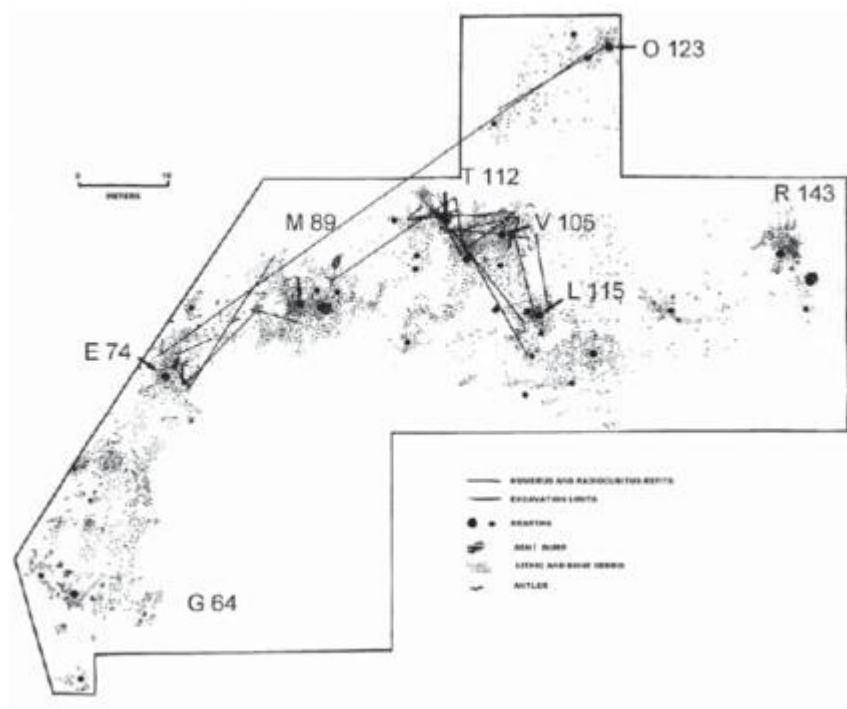
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26	11	6	2	2	27	3	0	1	0	11	11	5	0	1	4
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First derivative surface. Higher areas are the most stationary and the more probable location for slow expansion and high continuity



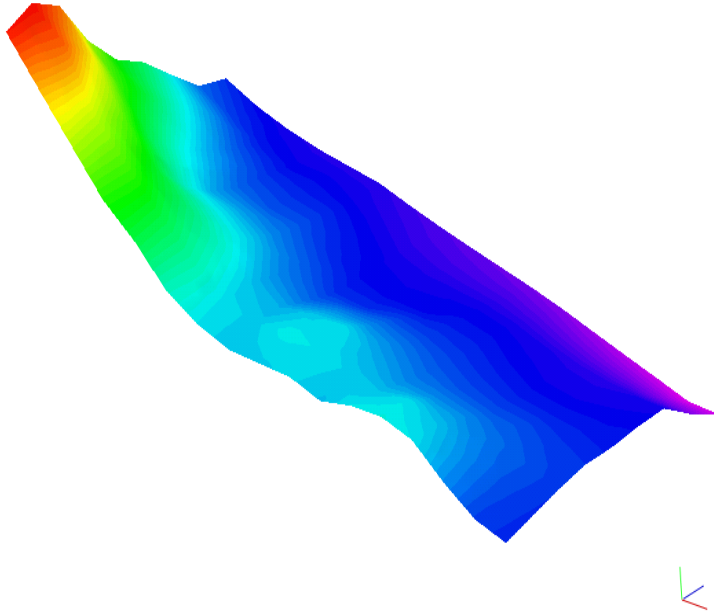
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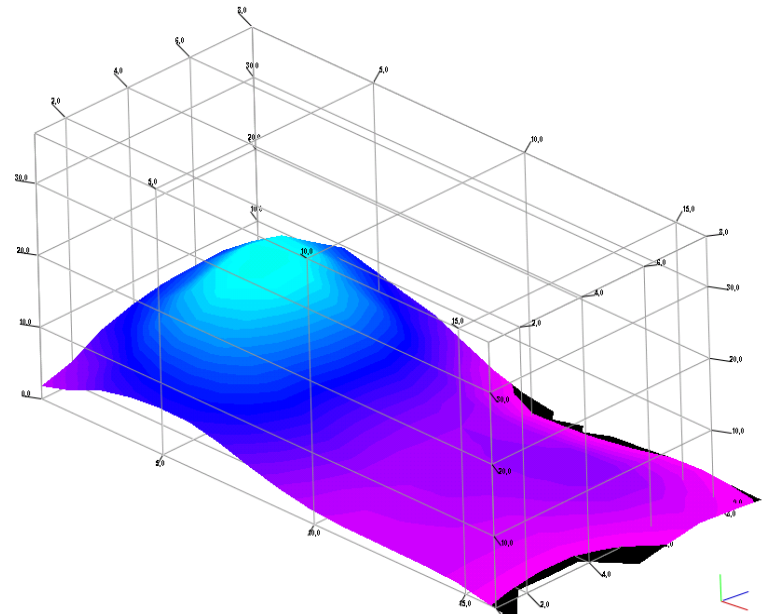


The importance of refitting

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Period 1



Period 2

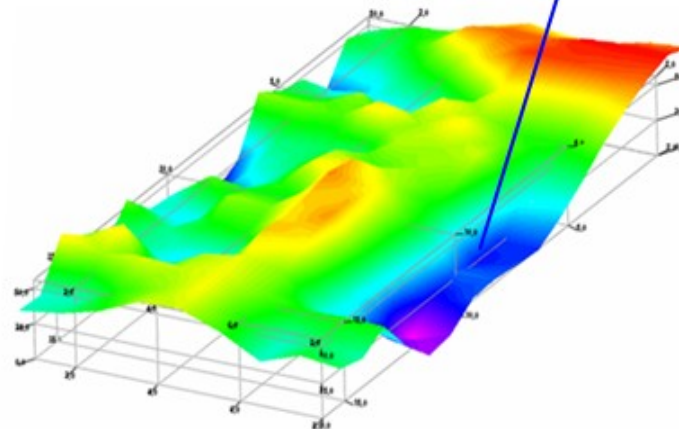
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Tabla de Contingencia LOBO MARINO EPISODIO A

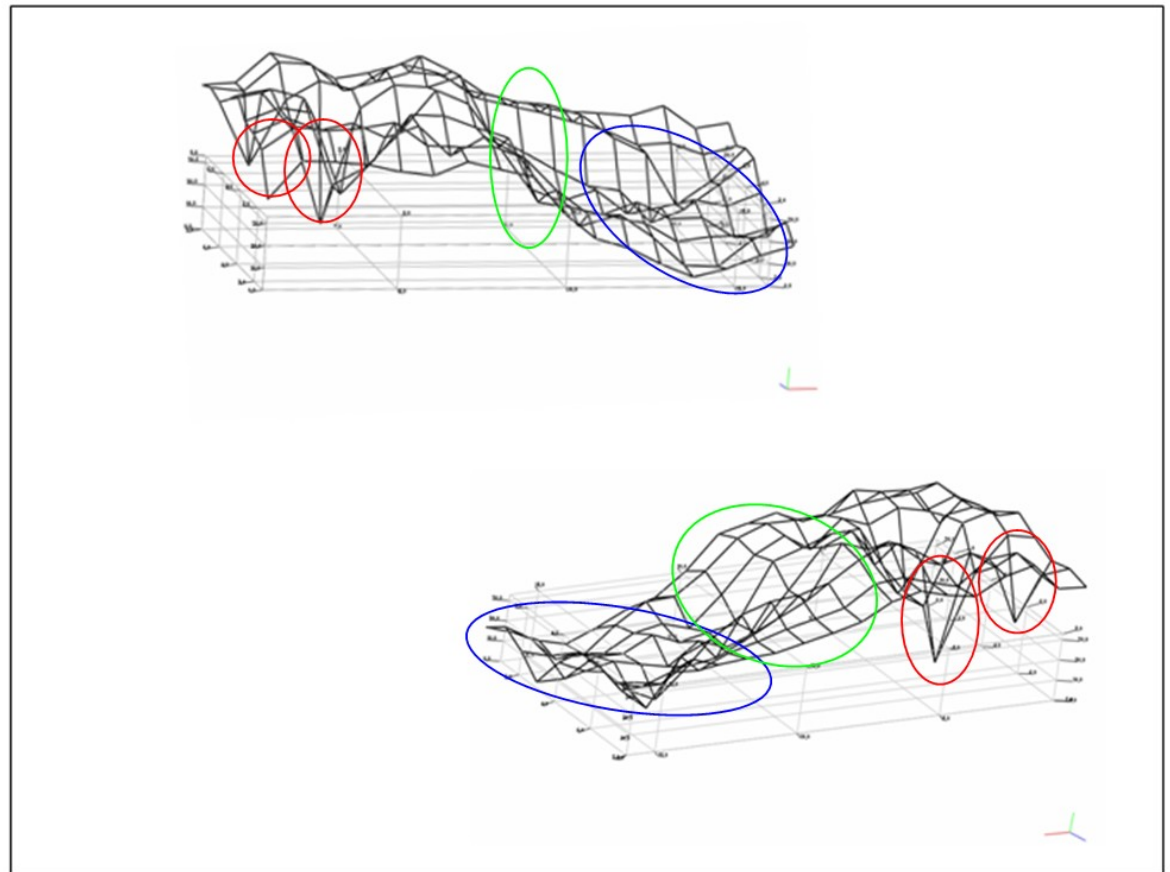
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Sea-wolf bones (seals)
Period 1
Stationarity analysis



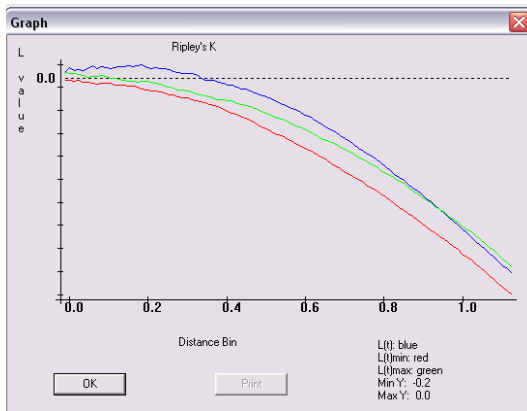
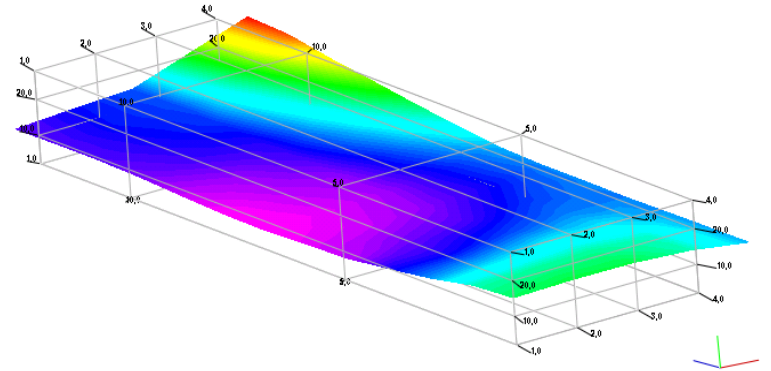
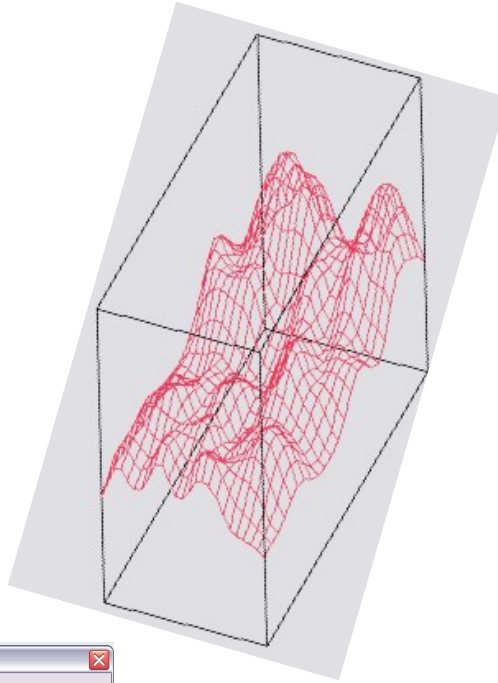
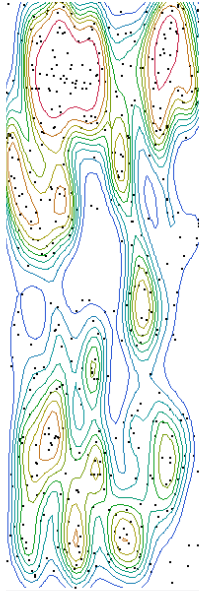
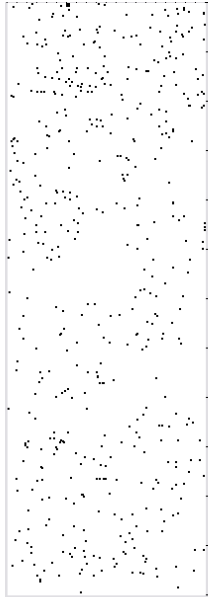
A Case Study. A Pataagonian Shell-Midden

Sea-wolf bones (seals)
Period 2
Stationarity analysis



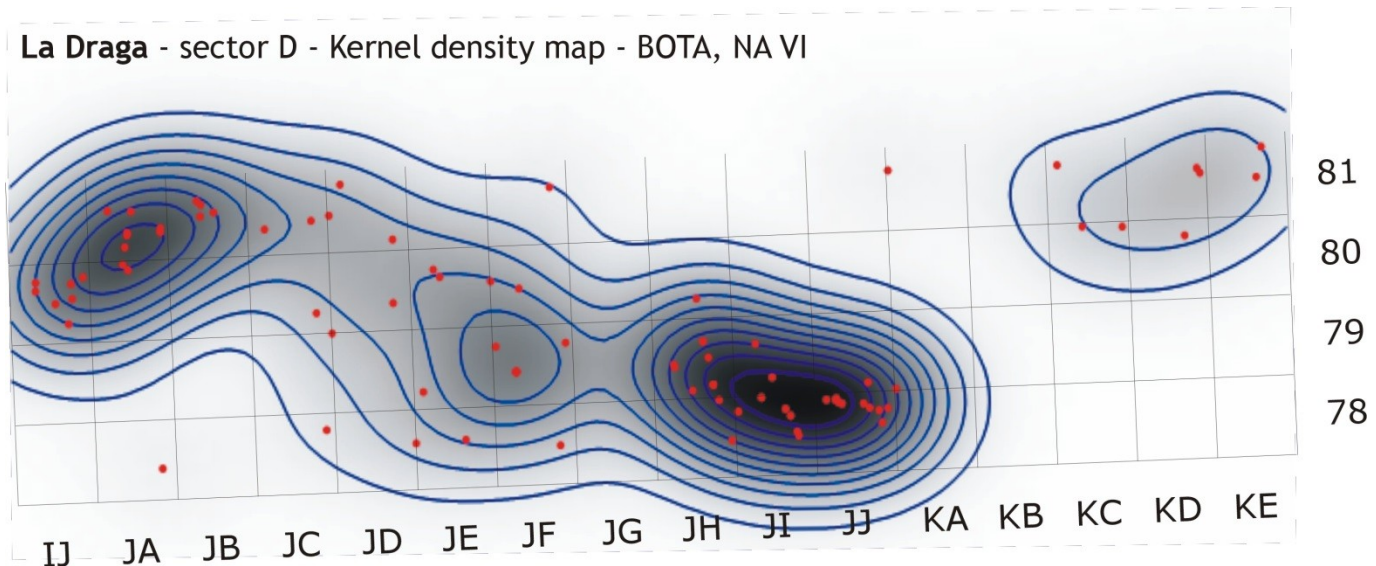
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A 19th century hillfort in Central Argentina



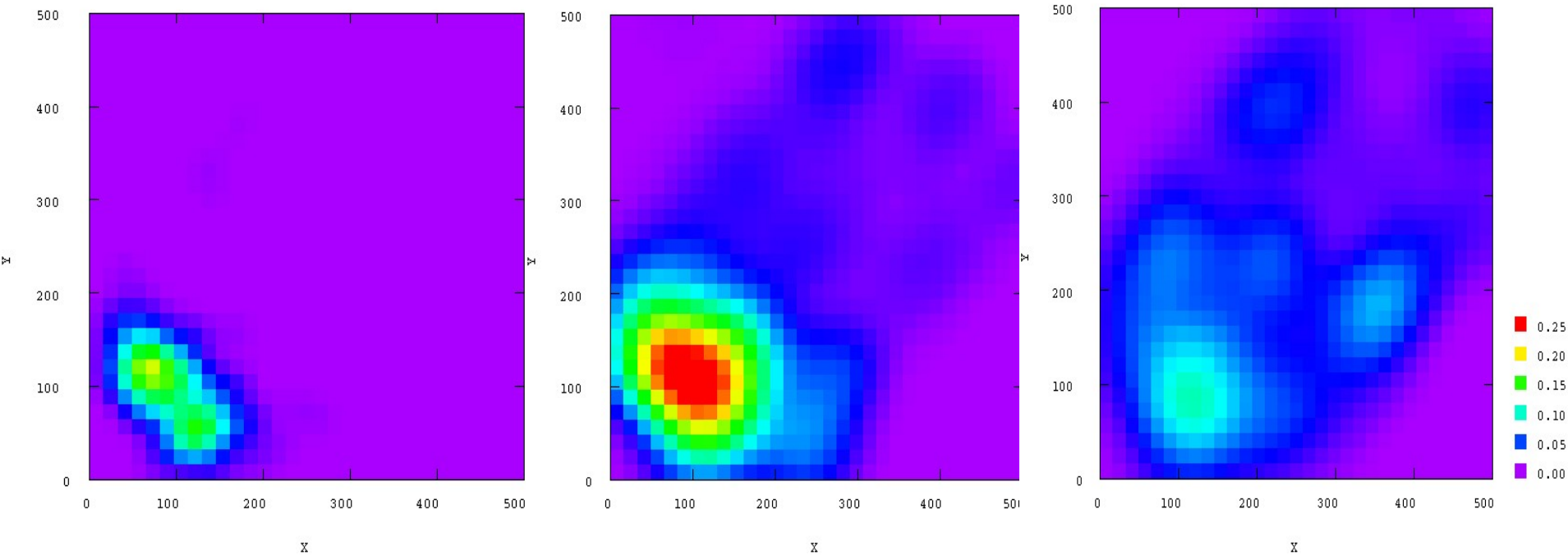
Random pattern

A Case Study. Historical Archaeology. Early Neolithic in Catalonia



Random pattern

A case study. Taphonomic Experimentation



Effects of scavenging on the frequency of bones (lama guanicoide). Controlled Observations of animal carcasses during three years.

1st year: original distribution. Carcass not altered by scavengers

2nd year. Alteration. Scavengers concentrate some bones and spread others

3rd year. More alteration. Spatial dispersal

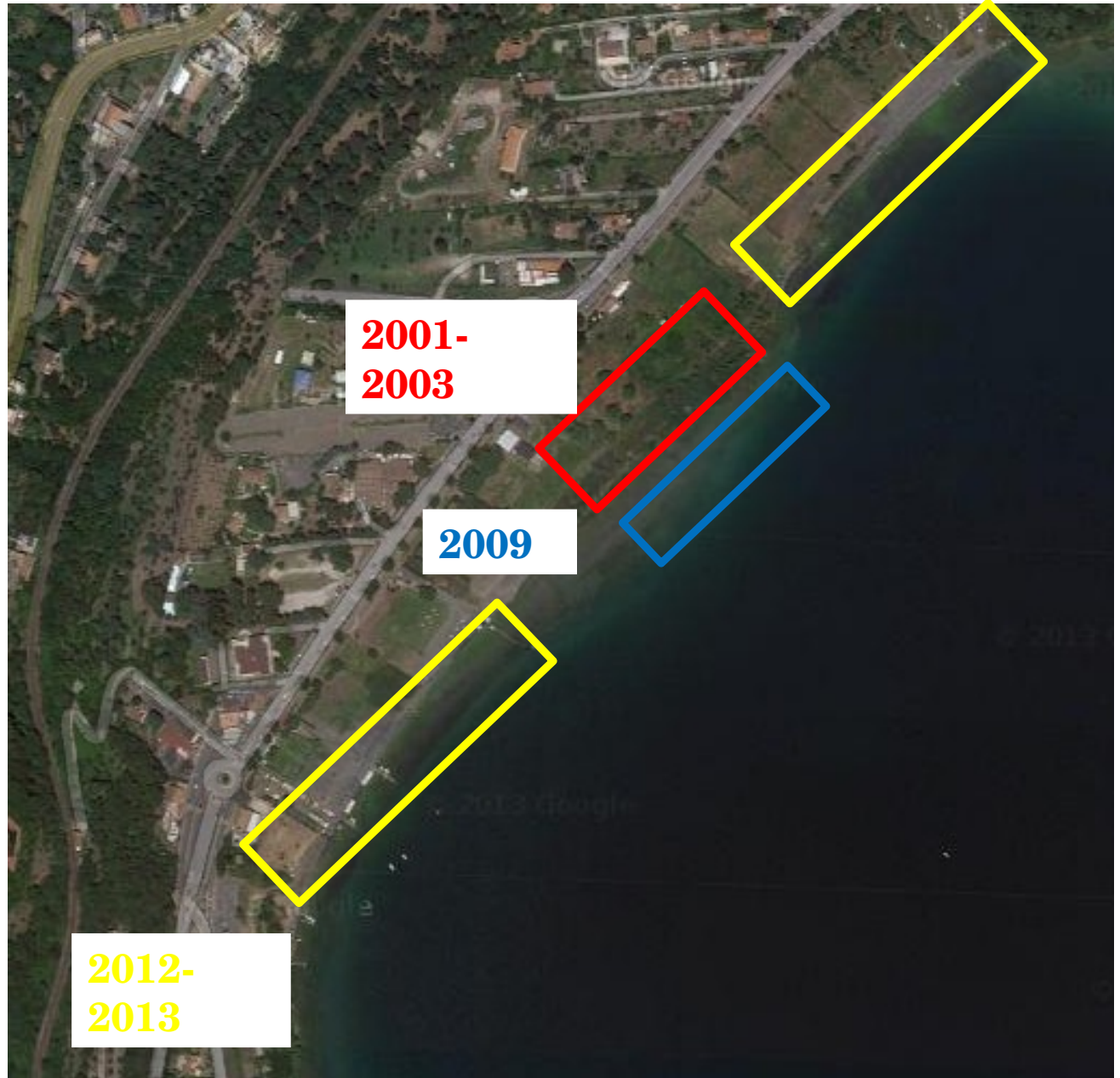
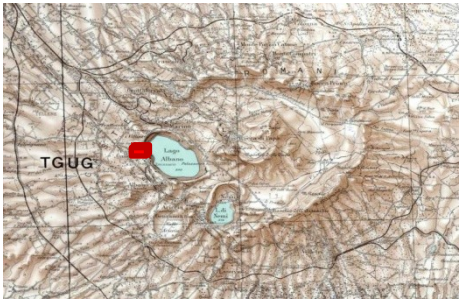
After: Mameli, Barceló and Estévez 2002.

PREDICTING THE ACCUMULATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF ABANDONMENT PROCESSES. INTRASITE ANALYSIS OF LAKE-SIDE SETTLEMENTS

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VILLAGGIO DELLE MACINE(XIX-XVI B.C.)



SURFACE SAMPLING





VILLAGGIO DELLE MACINE: SURFACE SURVEY DATA



DISECTING
THE
PALIMPSEST

MULTIPLE CAUSAL MECHANISMS PRODUCED THIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD

- 1) POST-DEPOSITIONAL ACTIVITIES
- 2) ABANDONMENT
- 3) ORIGINAL ACTIVITY DURING OCCUPATION



3) ORIGINAL ACTIVITY DURING OCCUPATION: HOW TO PREDICT THEIR SPATIAL LOCATION FROM SURFACE SURVEY DATA

PREDICTION CAN BE REALIZED
THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF
ACCUMULATION



HOW WE CAN
MEASURE SPATIAL
ACCUMULATION?

X	Y	Frequencies

MAPPING THE SPATIAL
DISTRIBUTION OF THE
MATERIAL EVIDENCES

X •
0 - 0
CENTROID

Y

INTERPRETING THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

1	0	2
2	1	7
0	3	0

1	0	2
2	1	7
0	3	0

ACCUMULATION

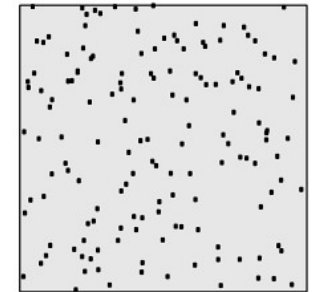
HOMOGENEITY

RANDOMNESS



STATISTICAL REJECTION
OF THE HOMOGENEITY
HYPOTHESIS

RESULTS OF NATURAL AND
CULTURAL PROCESSES



a Random



INTERPRETING THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

POISSON DISTRIBUTION AS NULL HYPOTHESIS: ABSENCE OF ACCUMULATION

ABSENCE OF
ACCUMULATION

SPATIAL HOMOGENEIZATION
OF THE MATERIAL
EVIDENCES

EFFECT OF POST-DEPOSITIONAL
PROCESS (IN OUR CASE-STUDY)

Decreases ENTROPY

PRESENCE OF
ACCUMULATION

DEPARTURES OF SPATIAL
HOMOGENEITY

IT CAN BE EVIDENCE OF
ORIGINAL SPACE STRUCTURE
PRESERVATION

Increases ENTROPY

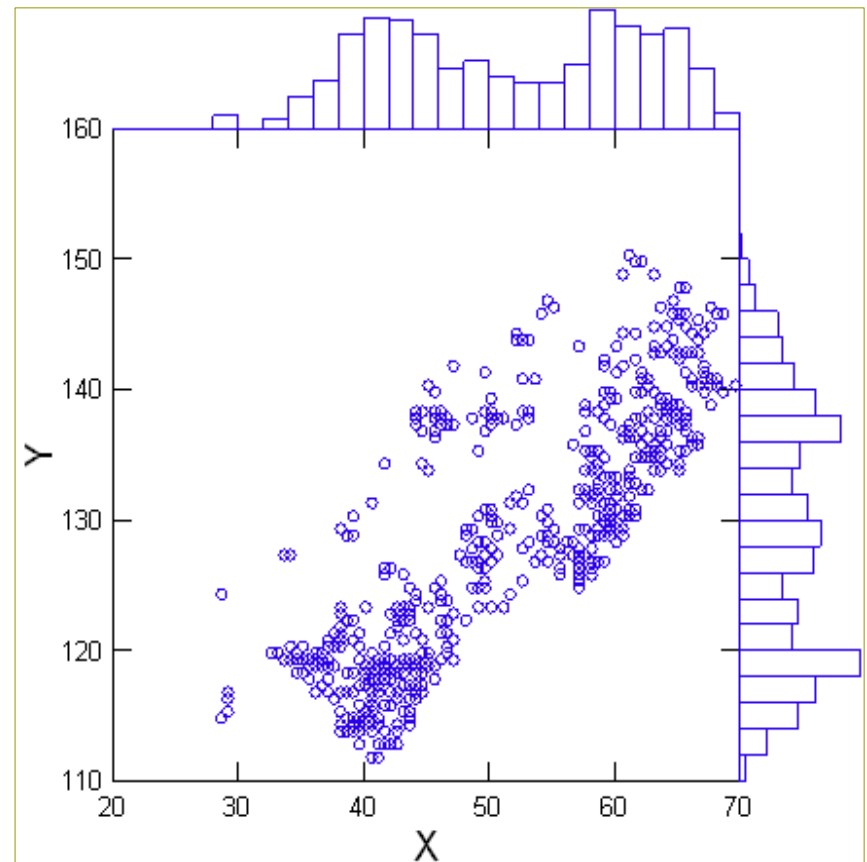
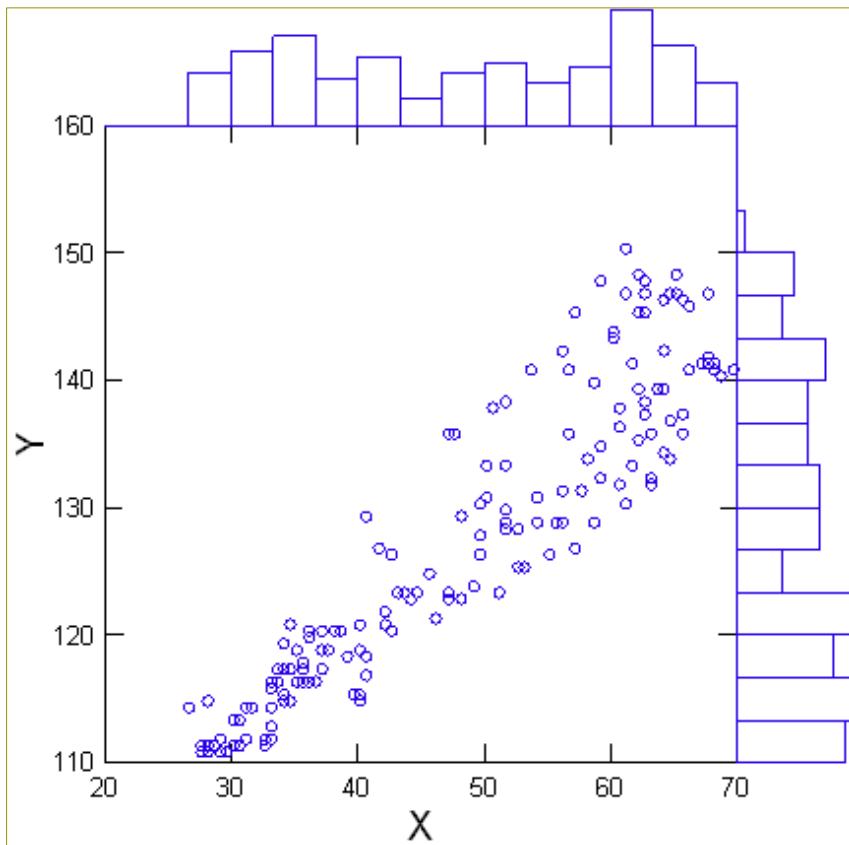
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PRESENCE/ABSENCE ANALYSIS



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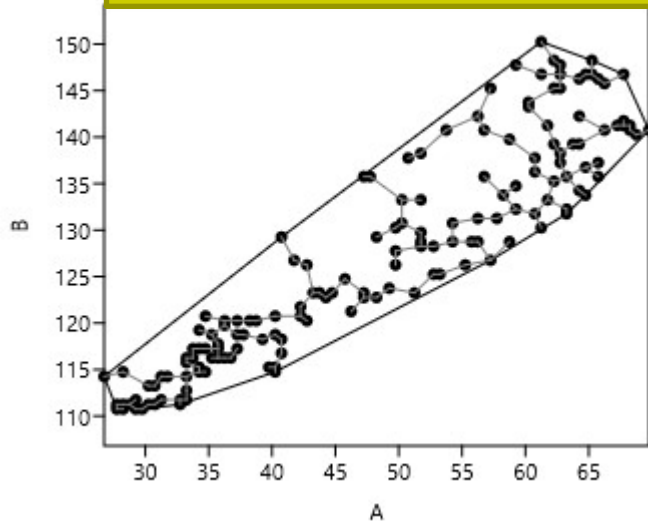


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NEAREST-NEIGHBOURS ANALYSIS

CONVEX-HULL



Number of points: 154
Area: 594,38
Mean density: 0,2591

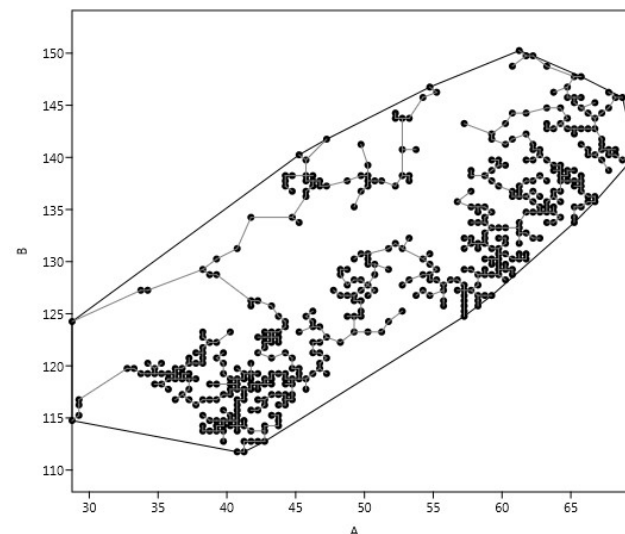
Nearest neighbours analysis with wrap-around edge correction

Mean distance: 0,99508
Expected distance: 0,98229
 R : 1,013
 Z : 0,30909 p (random): 0,75726

The null hypothesis of a random pattern (Poisson process) can not be rejected at $p < 0.05$

This is a consequence of exhaustive survey within the study micro-area

CONVEX-HULL



Number of points: 496
Area: 810,38
Mean density: 0,61206

Nearest neighbours analysis with Donnelly's edge correction

Mean distance: 0,61556
Expected distance: 0,65617
 R : 0,9381
 Z : -2,5136 p (random): 0,011951

There is statistically significant clustering

This is the result of assuming an absence of data at non surveyed areas

FAUNAL REMAINS: AREA 2001



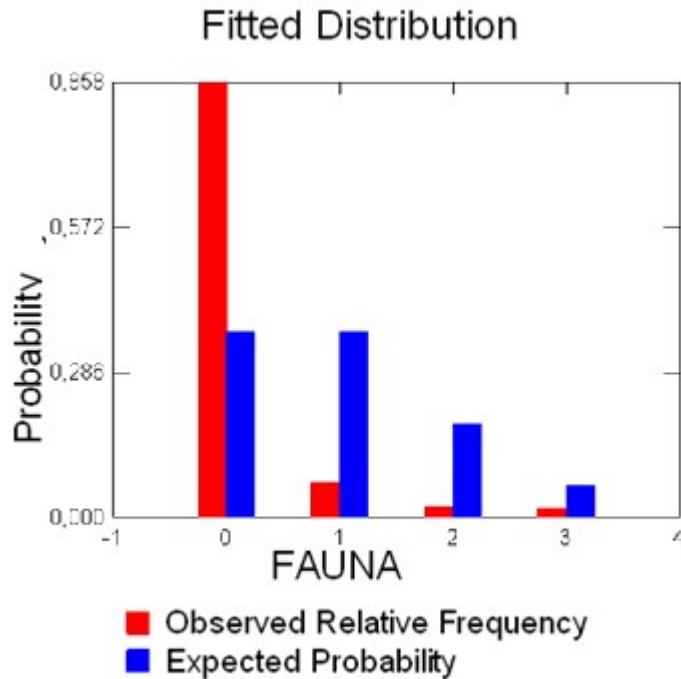
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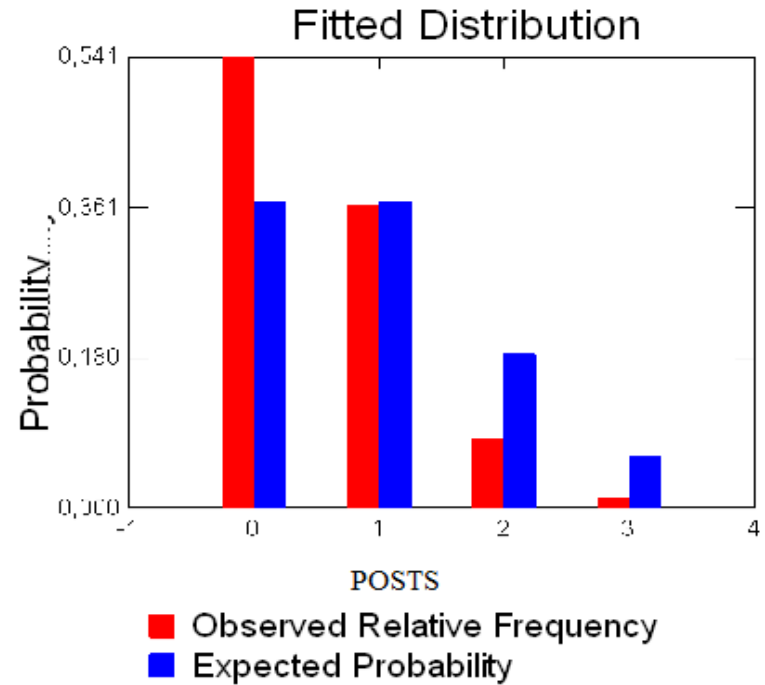
ANALYSIS OF SPATIAL FREQUENCIES and not only the density of spatial presence location points

Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

$$\hat{F}_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I_{X(i) \leq x}$$



*with $\lambda = 1$
the spatial
distribution
of our data
do not fit
the Poisson
distribution*



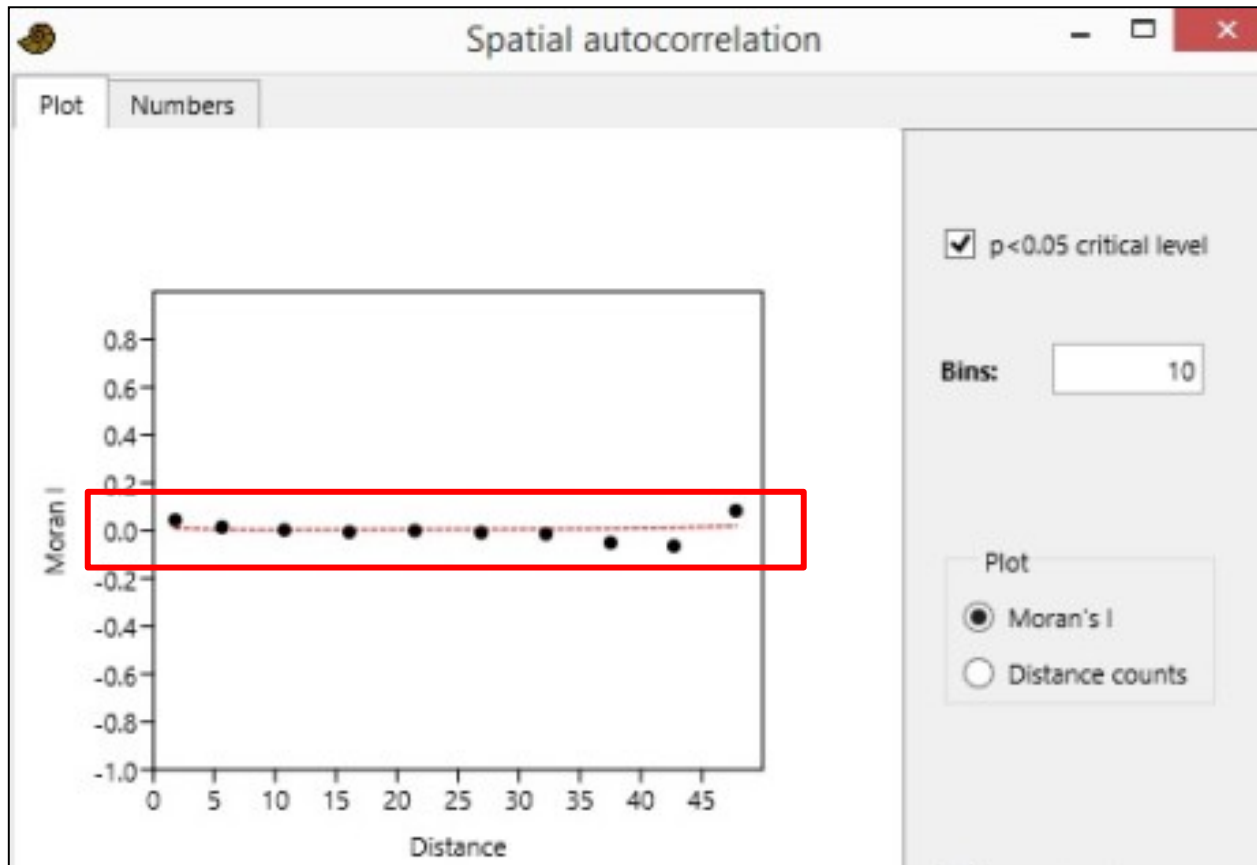
Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test	0,49
p-Value	0

Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test	0,173
p-Value	0

**FAUNAL REMAINS:
AREA 2001**



POSTS: AREA 2001



**$I = 0$
ABSENCE OF SPATIAL
AUTOCORRELATION**



**THERE IS A
SIGNIFICANT
DEPARTURE OF THE
HYPOTHESIS OF
SPATIAL
HOMOGENEITY
MORAN'S I**

Multinormality. Mardia Test

FAUNAL REMAINS: AREA 2001



POSTS: AREA 2001



$$b_{2,d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \mu)' S^{-1} (X_i - \mu)]$$

Mardia tests

Parameter	Value	Statistic	df	p (normal)
Skewness:	47,3	8537	10	0
Skewness, small sample corrected:		8573	10	0
Kurtosis:	73,38	175,4		0

Doornik and Hansen omnibus

$E\hat{p}$ 1,521E04

p (normal): 0

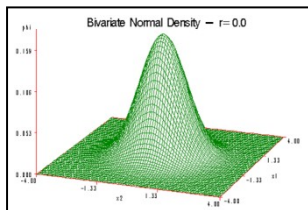
Mardia tests

Parameter	Value	Statistic	df	p (normal)
Skewness:	1,681	303,4	10	2,9E-59
Skewness, small sample corrected:		304,7	10	1,568E-59
Kurtosis:	13,68	-3,974		7,074E-05

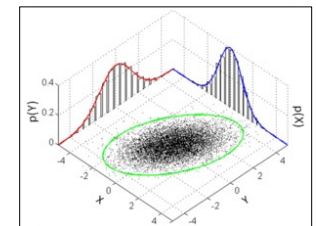
Doornik and Hansen omnibus

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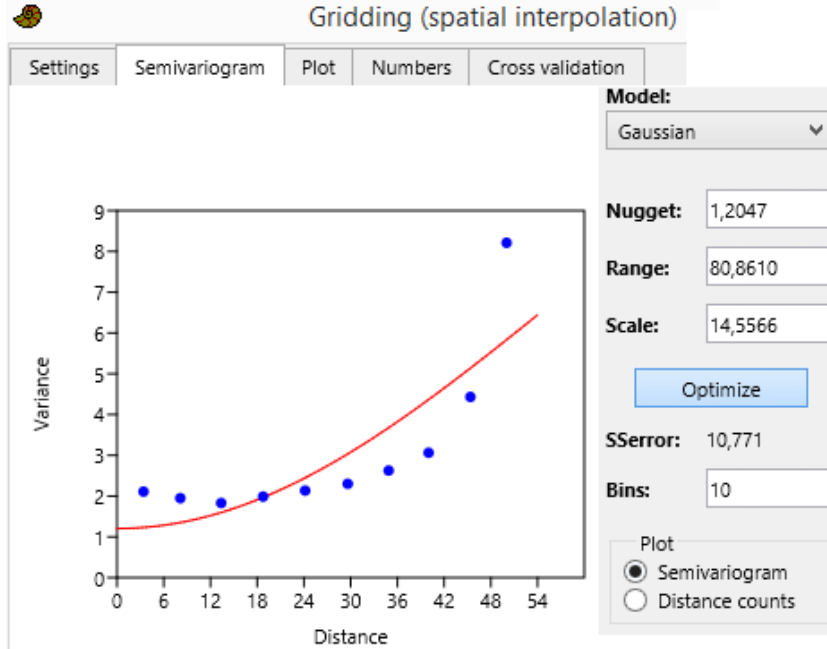
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SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE OF THE BI-NORMALITY'S CONDITION:
THERE IS NOT A SINGLE INTENTIONAL
ACCUMULATION



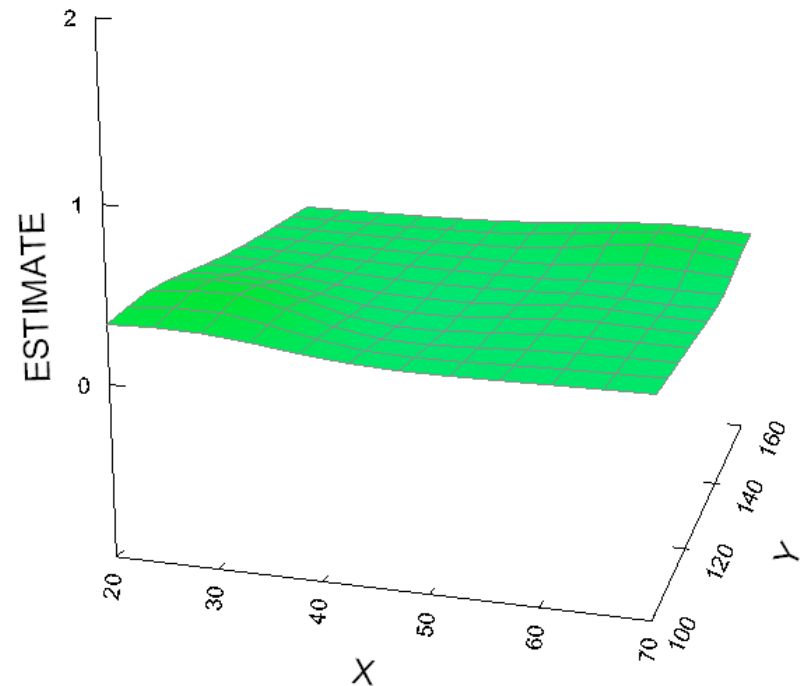
FAUNAL REMAINS: AREA 2001



- 1) Small nugge effect
- 2) Function increasing at the asymptote: when the distance h increase, also increase the variance. Two accumulations in two far from areas, in the two extremes of the investigated area.
- 3) Medium level of spatial irregularity due to fragmentation
- 4) Classical model of accumulation: majority of finds in two areas where the accumulation activity took place and in the surrounding.

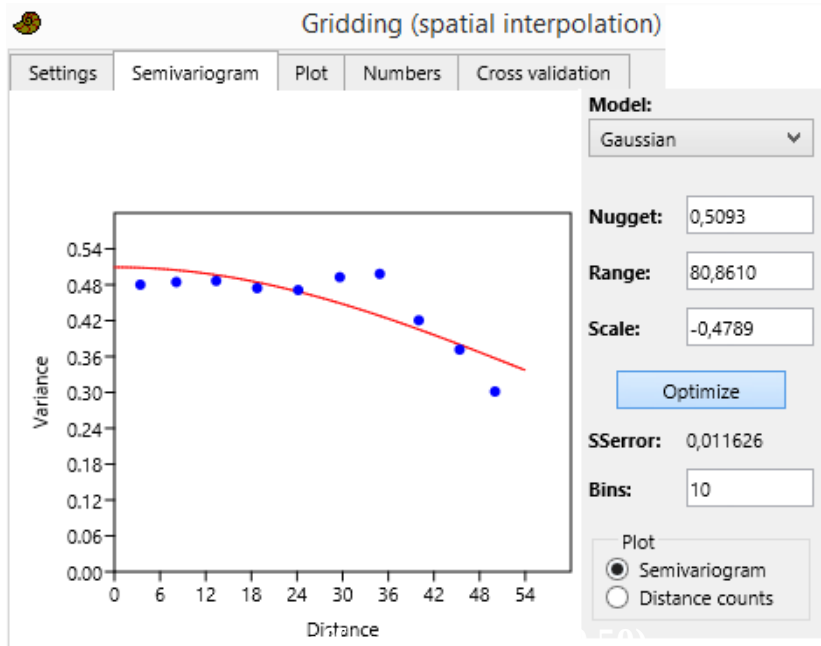
SPATIAL PREDICTIONS

Kriging



Differential accumulations of faunal remains and a significant empty area between both accumulations

POSTS: AREA 2001



2)The population is distributed according to a more standard function.

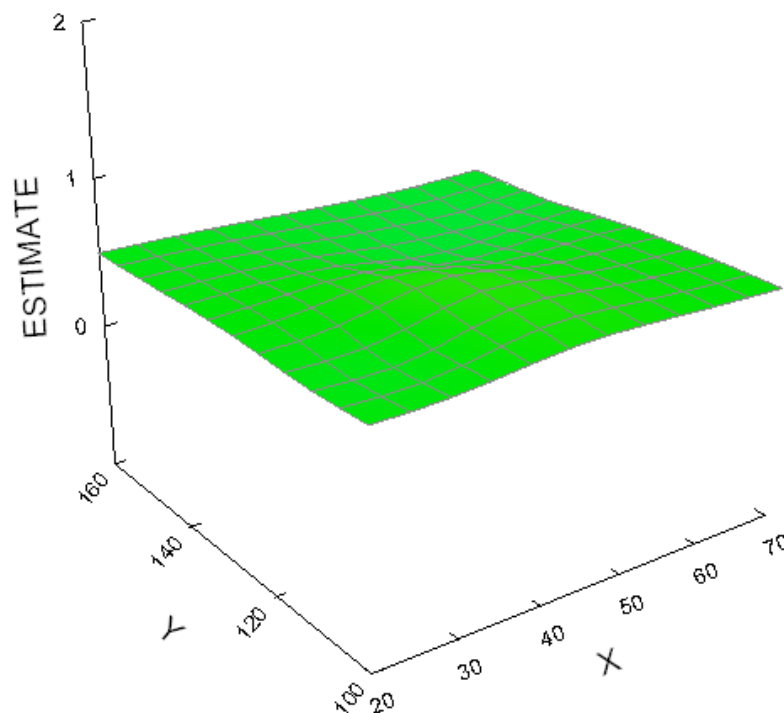
3)The higher values are concentrated in the first portion of the function (from 0 to 24) and then they decrease.

4)The variance decrease in correspondence with the increase of the distance between points.

5)The function shows a linearity (posts alignments): spatial connectivity due to the partial preservation of ancient built structures

SPATIAL PREDICTIONS

Kriging



Differential accumulations of posts and a significant empty area between both accumulations

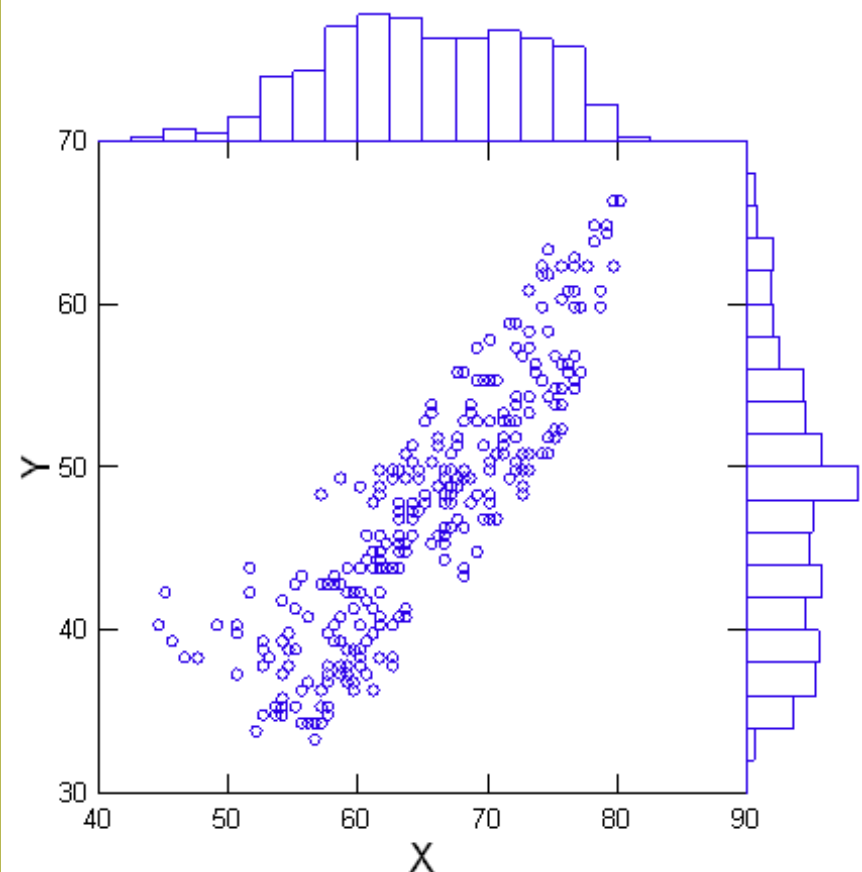
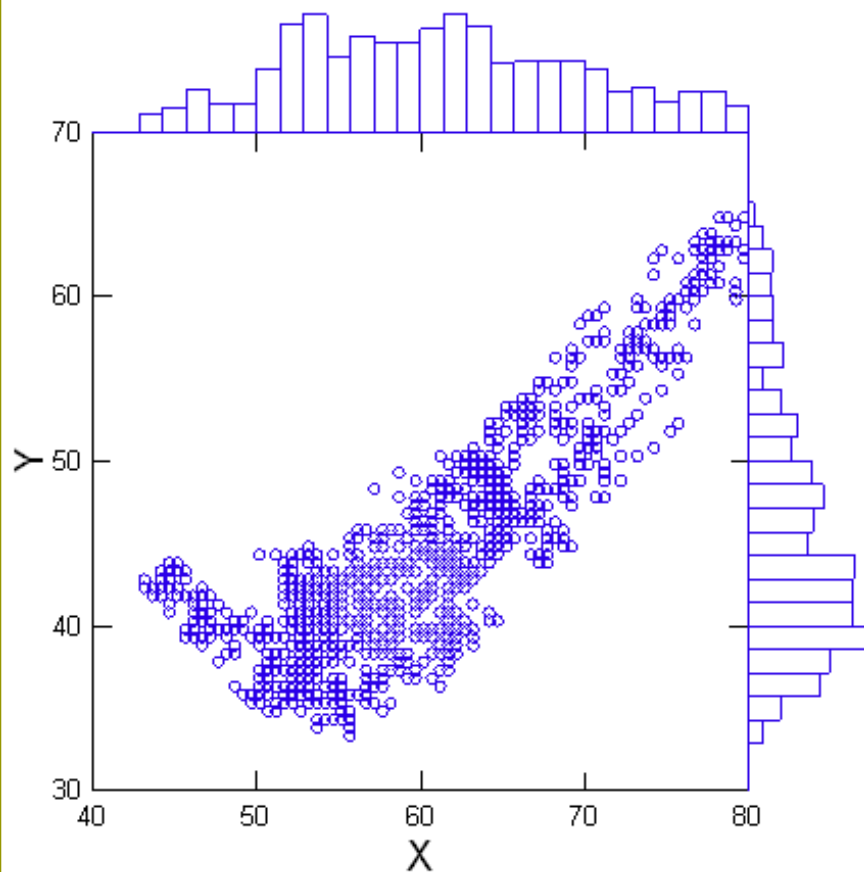
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Posts: AREA 2009



PRESENCE/ABSENCE ANALYSIS



Multinormality. Mardia Test

FAUNAL REMAINS:
AREA 2009



Posts: AREA 2009



$$b_{2,d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \mu)' S^{-1} (X_i - \mu)]$$

Mardia tests

Parameter	Value	Statistic	df	p (normal)
Skewness:	13,35	2966	10	0
Skewness, small sample corrected:		2976	10	0
Kurtosis:	31,19	53,96		0

Doornik and Hansen omnibus

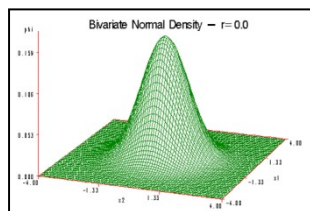
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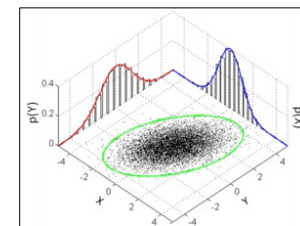
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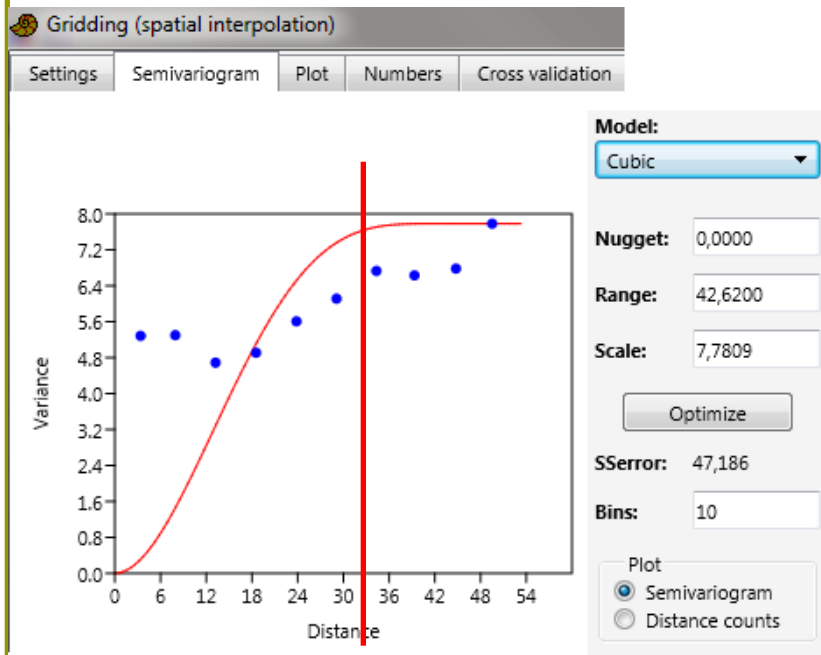
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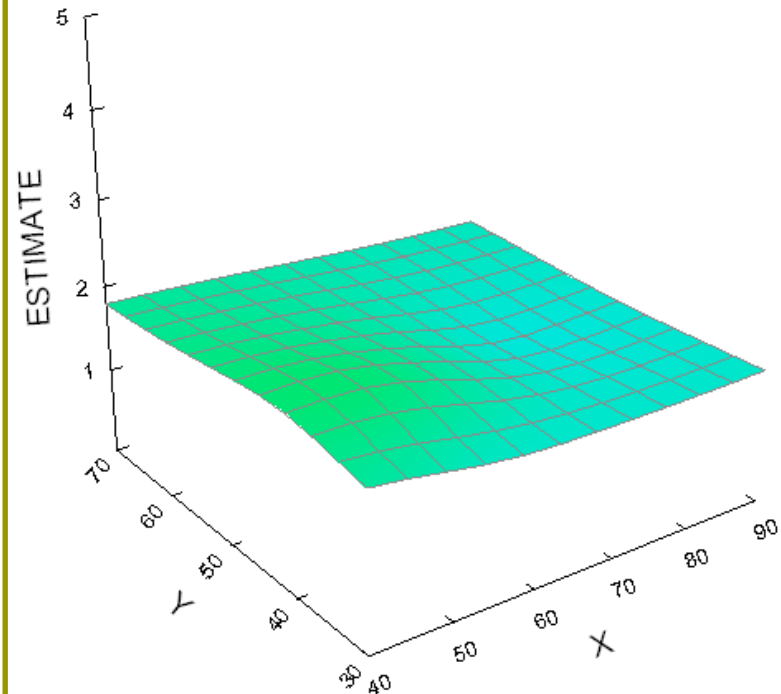
FAUNAL REMAINS: AREA 2009



- 1) Increasing monotonic function: when the distance h increase, also the variance increase.
- 2) The function start from the 0-0 but the points are attested from 4.8.
- 3) An area of faunal remains' accumulation is recognized while the surrounding shows high rate of empty areas: classical model of accumulation.

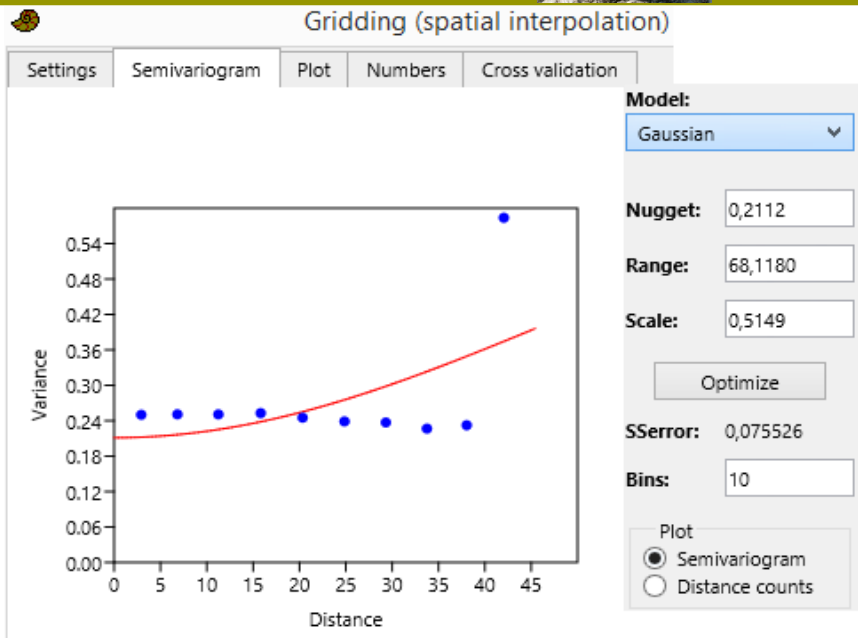
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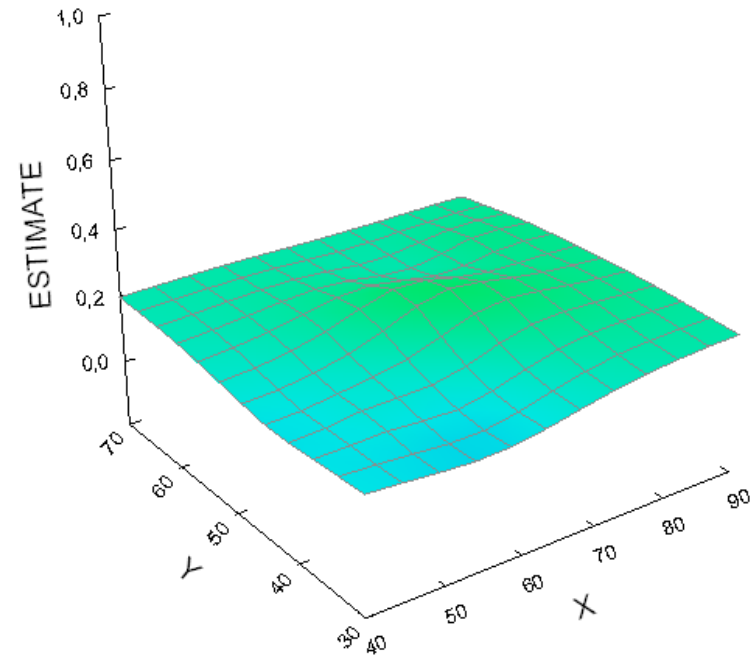
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- 1) Small nugge effect (from 0 to 0,20).
- 2) The population is distributed according to a more standard function.
- 3) The higher values are concentrated in the first portion of the function (from 0 to 15) and then they decrease.
- 4) The variance decrease in correspondence with the increase of the distance between points.
- 5) The function shows a linearity (posts alignments)
- 6) One outlier is also attested.

SPATIAL PREDICTIONS

Kriging



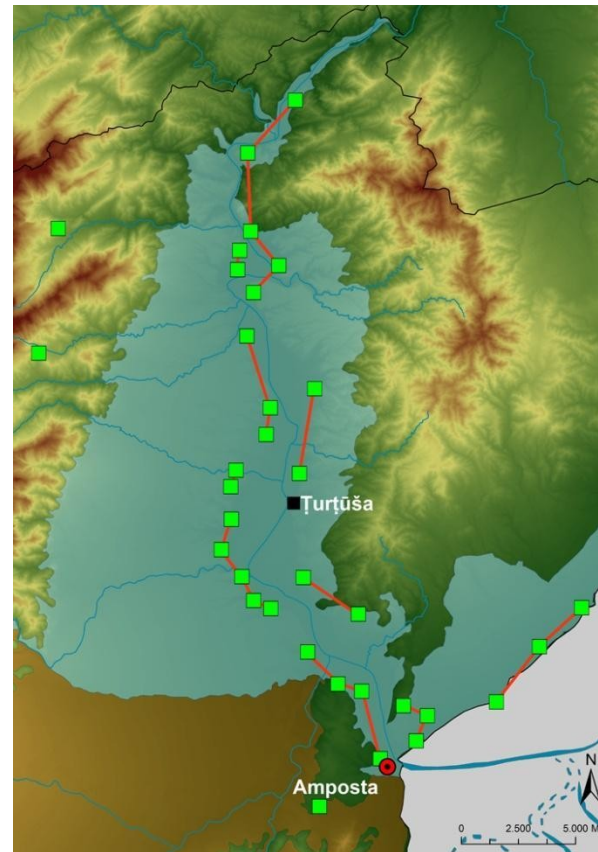
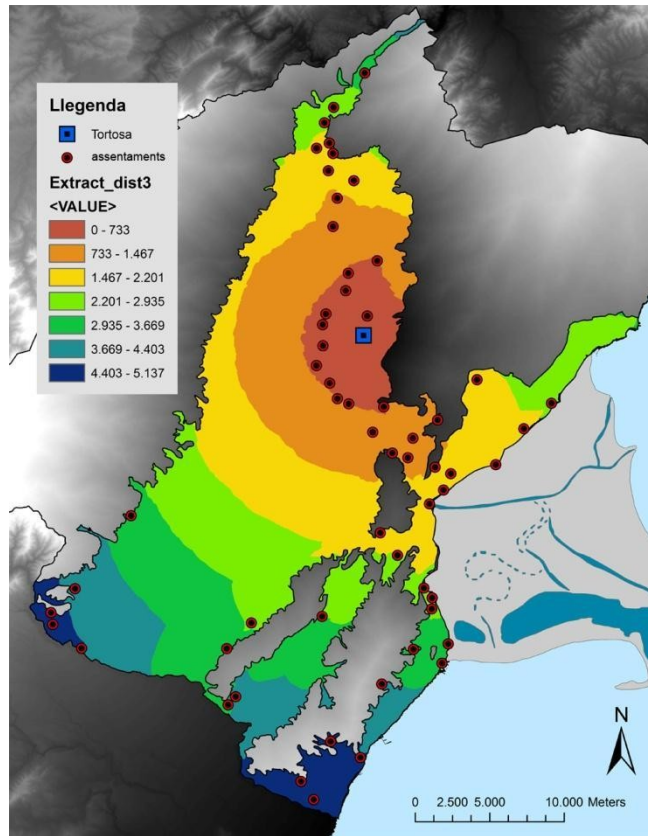
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Micro / Macro

Micro: Supuesto Inicial: Espacio Continuo

Macro: Supuesto Inicial: Espacio Discreto

Other case studies: Urban processes in Early Middle Ages



100 spatio-temporal units

We studied the diachronic changes in density and dispersion patterns around an Early Medieval city. Our goal is to understand the urban influence in the Islamisation process.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

Taking spatial heterogeneity into account

TRADITIONAL MODELS

Von Thünen, Weber,
Christaller,
Hägerstrand

HISTORICAL PROCESSES ARE NOT
INFLUENCED BY SPATIAL LOCATION

SPATIAL HETEROGENEITY MODEL

THE PROBABILITY OF DIFFERENT ACTIONS
VARIED THROUGH TIME AND SPACE

Spatial Heterogeneity & Anisotropic Distances



Spatial
Heterogeneity

Directional
Dependence of
Movement

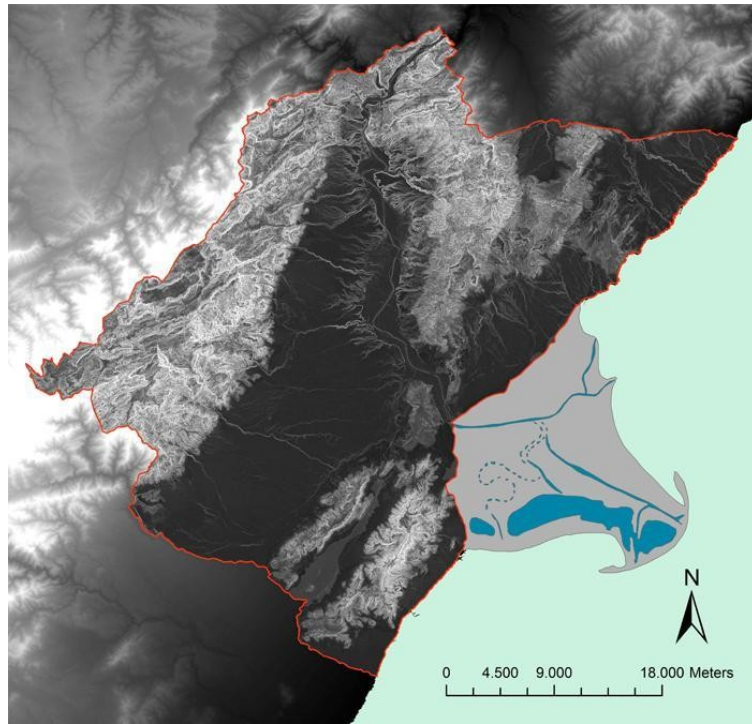
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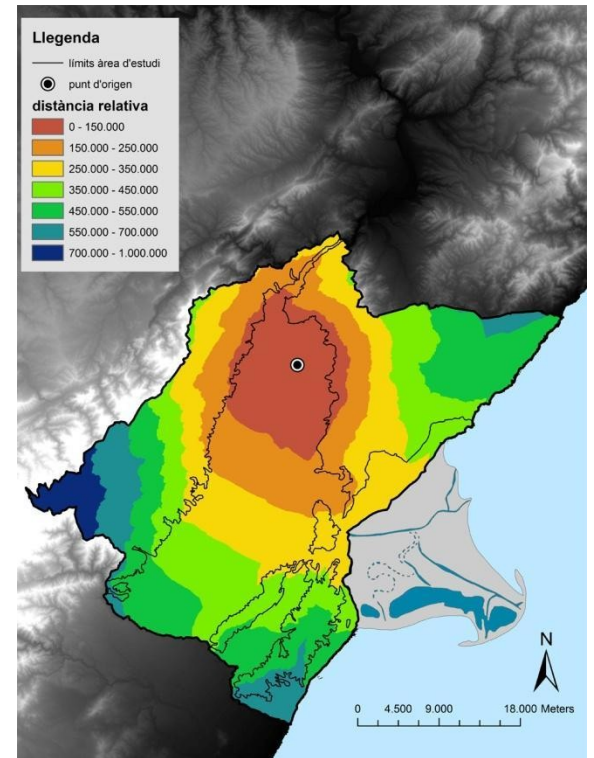
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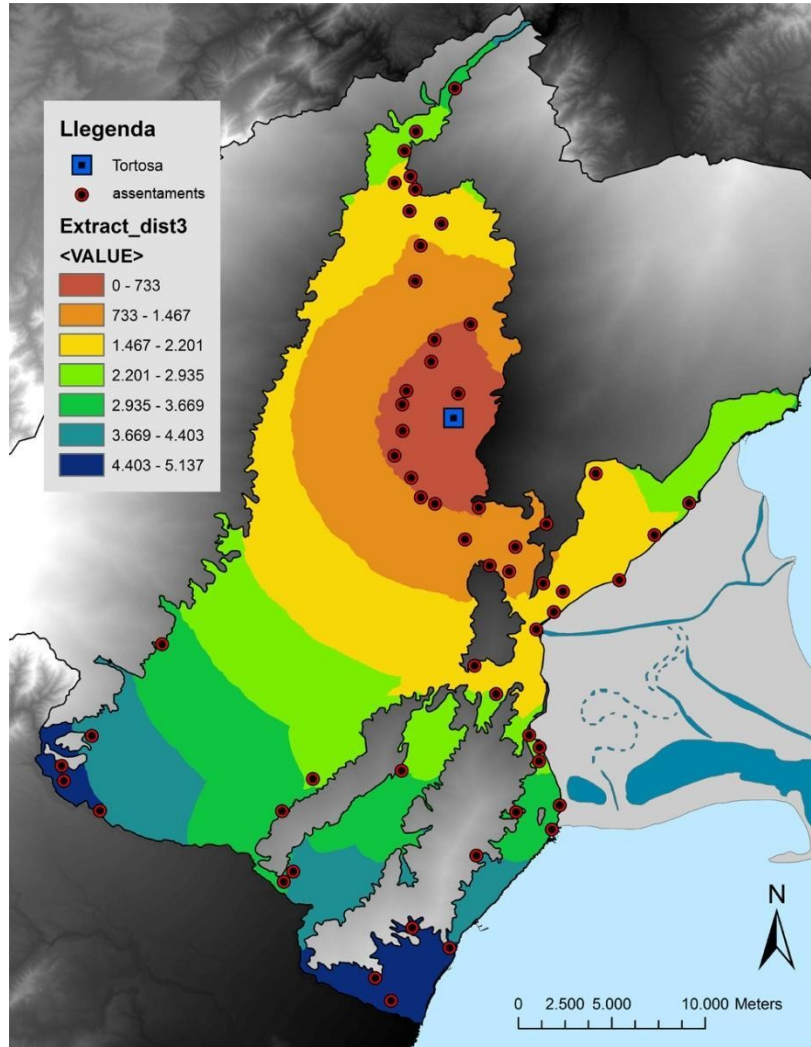
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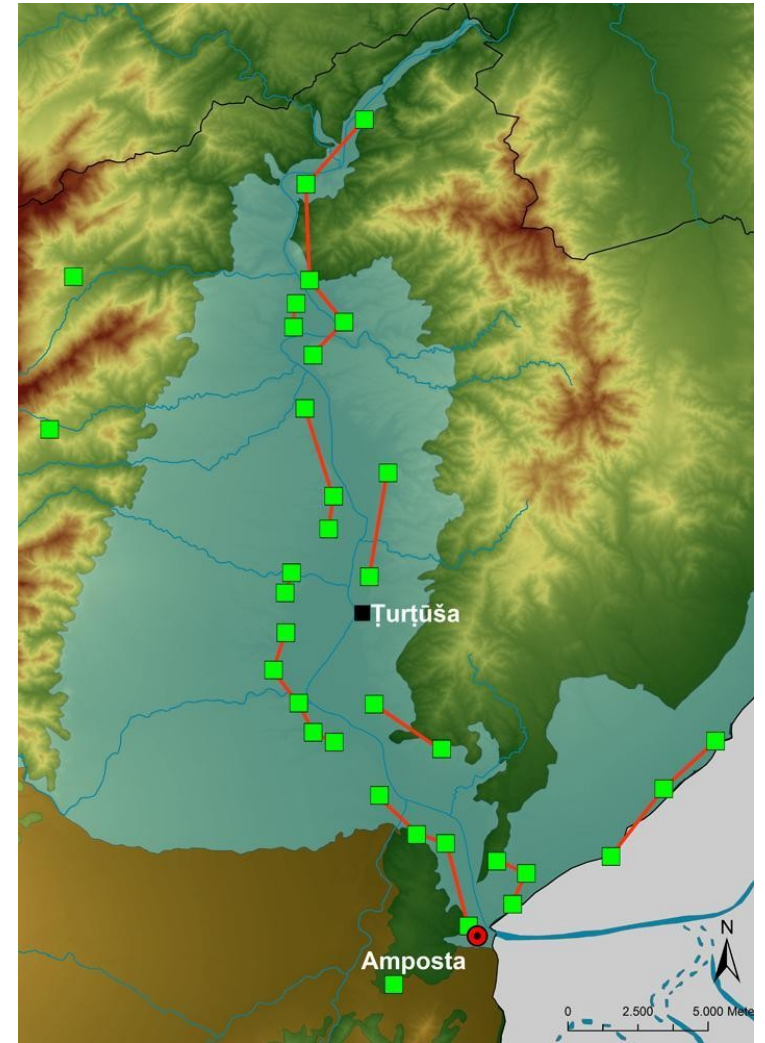
$$\int_0^1 f(\alpha(t))\alpha'(t)dt$$



The Problem



DENSITY (χ^2 TEST)



DISPERSION (LCN)

Why activities occurred where they did?

Why activities occurred where they did?



Because other people did
what they did nearby

Why activities occurred where they did?



Because other people did
what they did nearby

I'M NOT DOING WHAT MY NEIGHBOUR DOES
HOWEVER, MY RATIONAL AND IRRATIONAL DECISIONS
ARE AFFECTED BY THE WAY MY NEIGHBOURS
TAKE RATIONAL AND IRRATIONAL DECISIONS

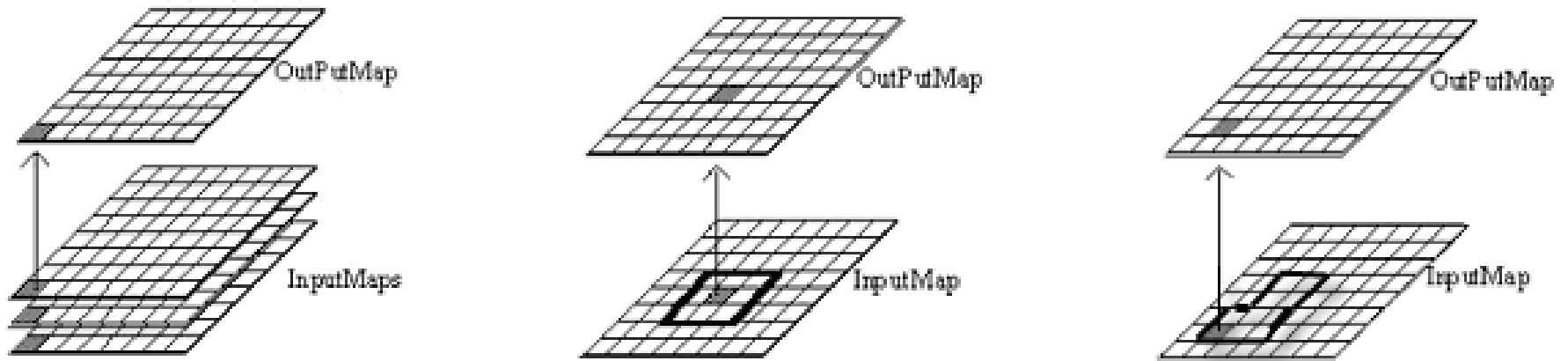
Why the fire occurred here?

Because He was there!!

Where occurred the fire?



Spatial Correlation



Correlating Differentiated Spatial Distributions

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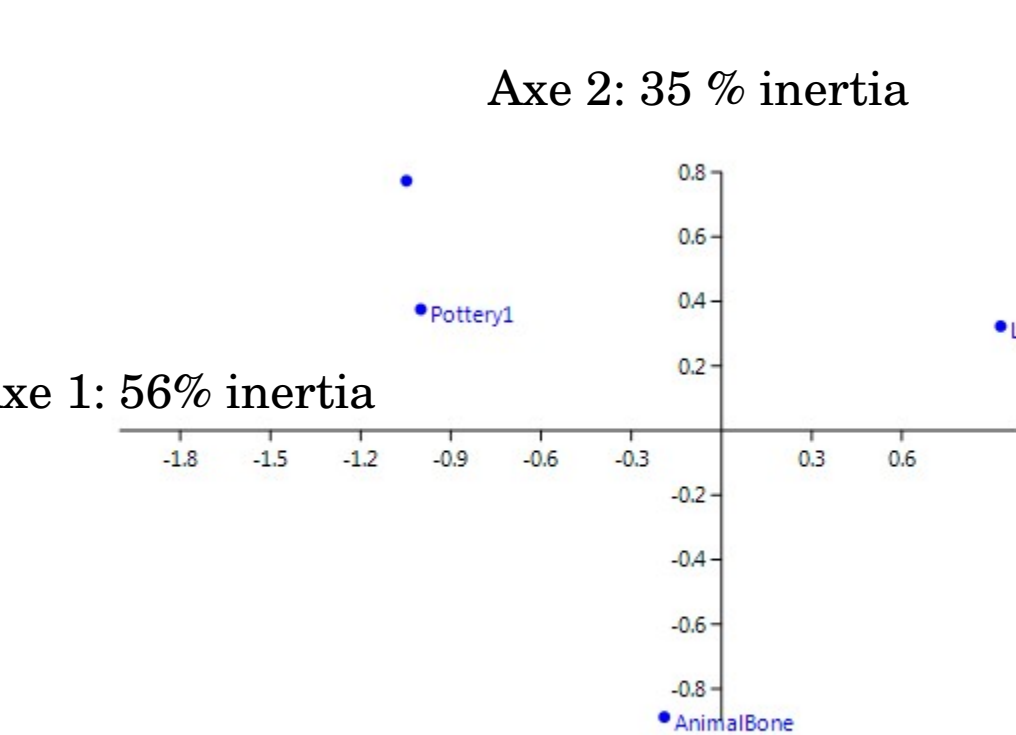
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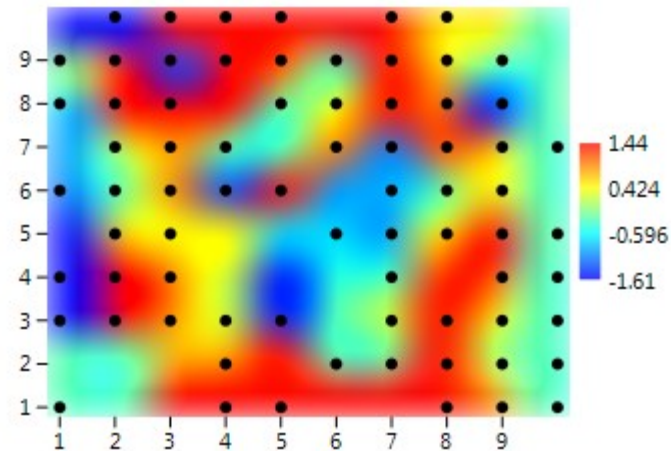
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Spatially Constrained Correspondence Analysis

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In red locations where Pottery 1 and 2 is abundant

In blue locations where Pottery 1 and 2 is scarce

Space-Temporal Analysis. An example

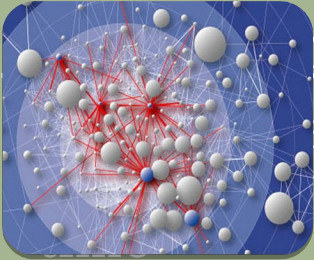


SPACE-TEMPORAL ANALYSIS OF RADIOCARBON EVIDENCE AND ASSOCIATED ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD: FROM DANUBE TO EBRO RIVERS AND FROM BRONZE TO IRON AGES

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Expansive phenomena

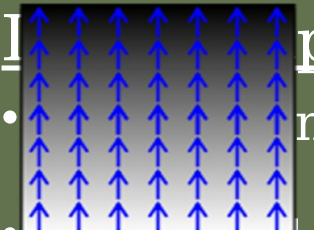


Mathematics

al system such that every point of the space has a distinctive behavior through



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Physics

- in which a gradient of a scalar field can be
- correlated with the notion of directivity

The historical problem:

“Urnfield culture” (1300-650 BC). A process of Cultural Standardization



Around 1100 BC Europe was characterized by a number of quite distinct regional traditions rooted in or influenced in the Urnfield tradition of shared burial rituals and religion.

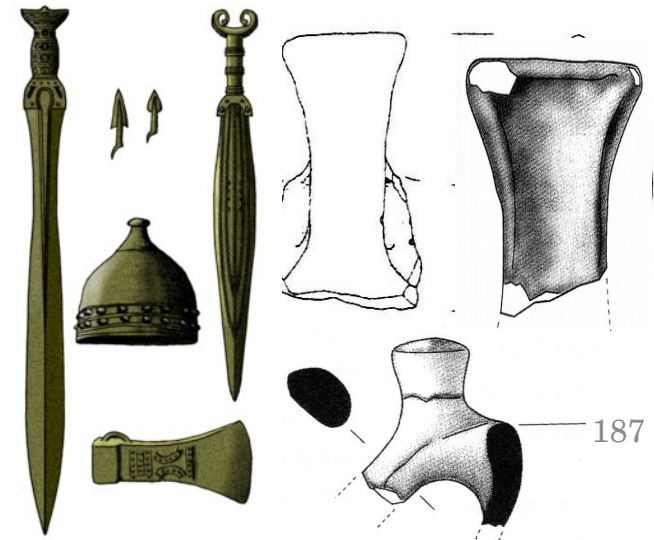


The diffusion of cremation burials at the end of the Bronze Age has been traditionally seen as an expansion from the Danube-Carpathian area toward northern and western territories.



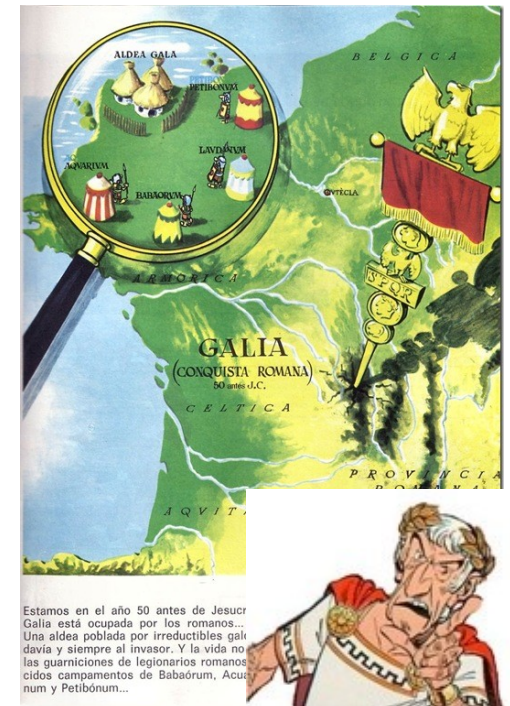
The possibility of expansive processes has been traditionally detected also for other variables, like specific pottery typologies.

How can we quantify such phenomena?

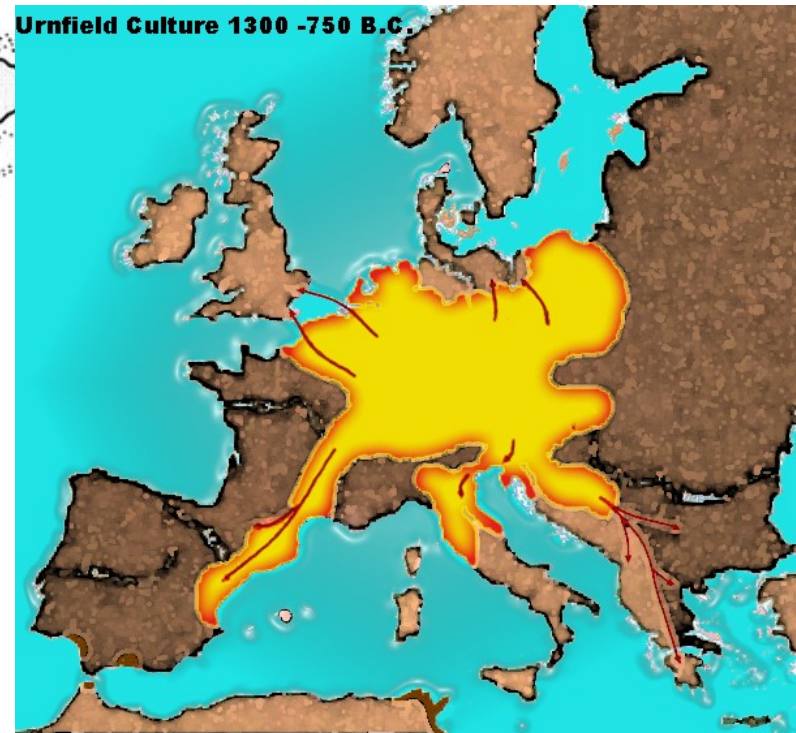


Expansive phenomena: European Bronze Age as a case study

- **Population Substitution:** Invasion, migration, colonization (Wave of Advance)
- **Adoption of a “foreign” idea** (Cultural Transmission, acculturation). “Knowledge” or “behavior” travel even in the case people do not move.
- **Social Influence Theory** (adoption of innovation)

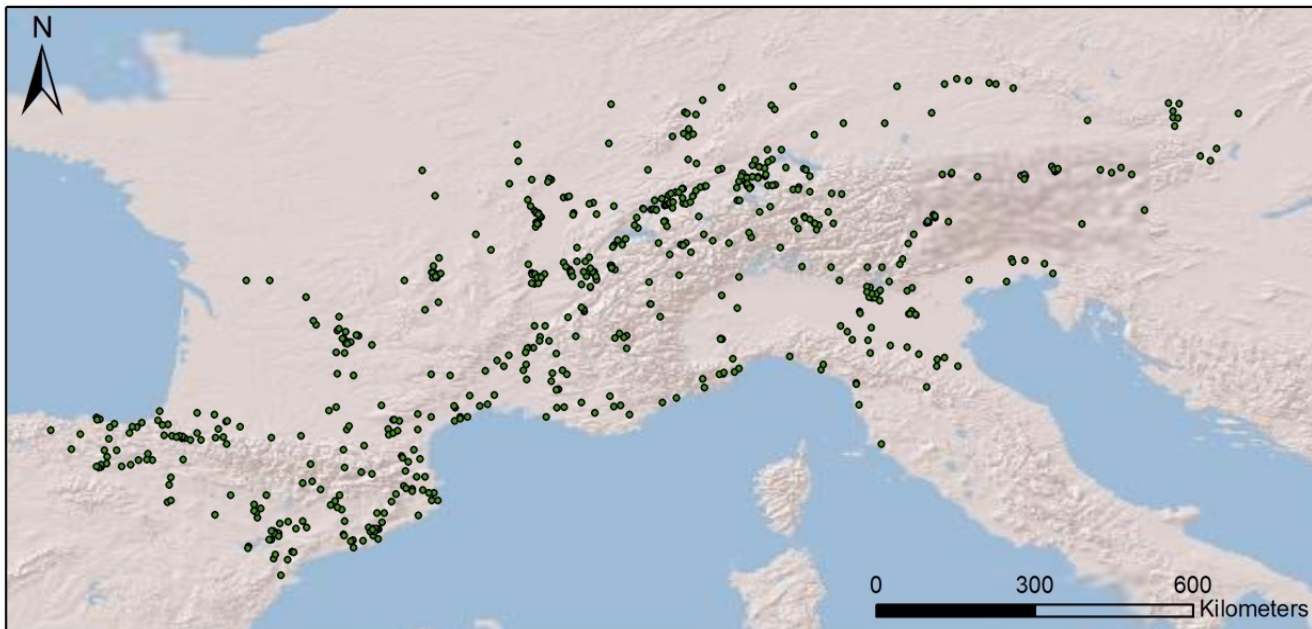
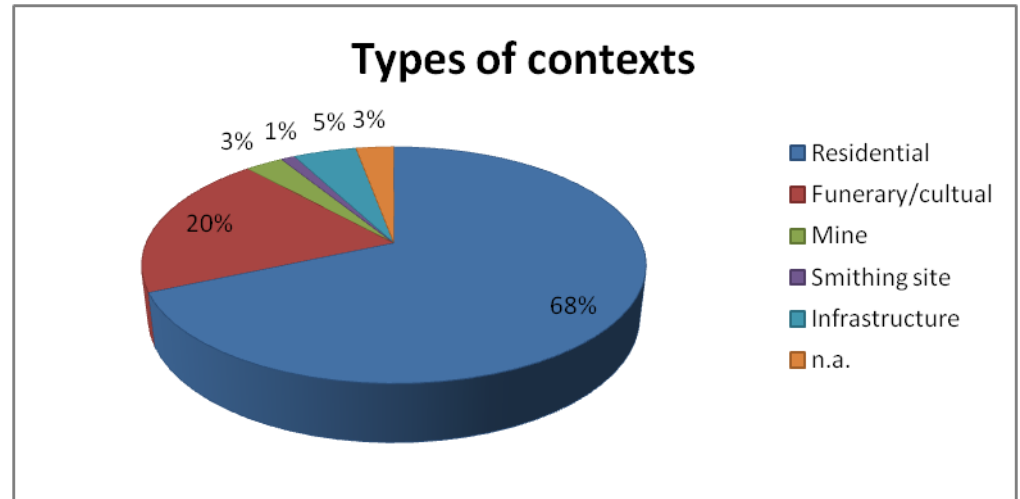


FROM EAST TO WEST AND THE OTHER WAY AROUND



EUBAR: ^{14}C -dated archaeological contexts

It includes more than 1700 ^{14}C dates with information about a large variety of associated archaeological contexts from the Danube to the Ebro rivers and from the Bronze to the Iron Ages.

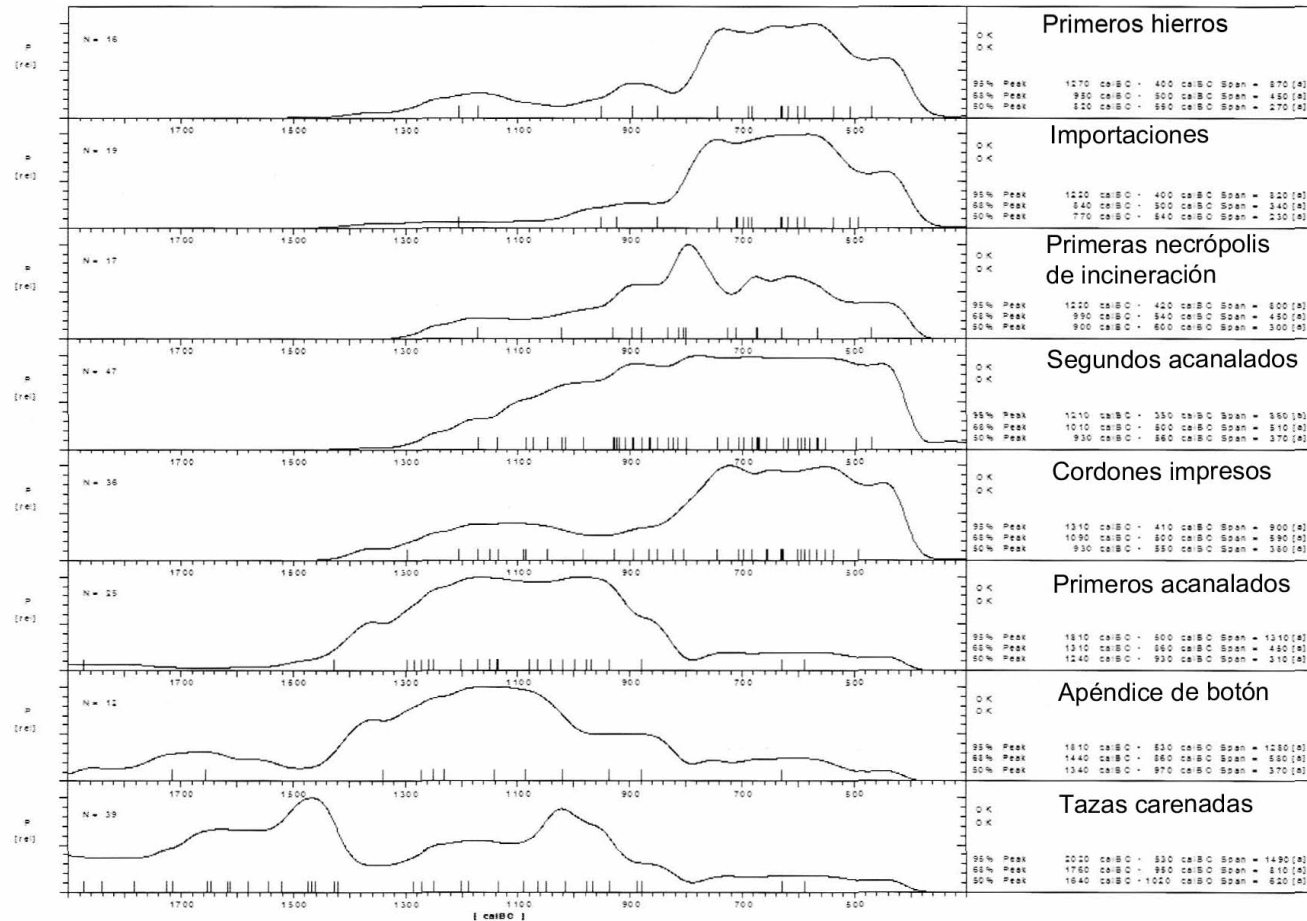


The traditional conventional chronology

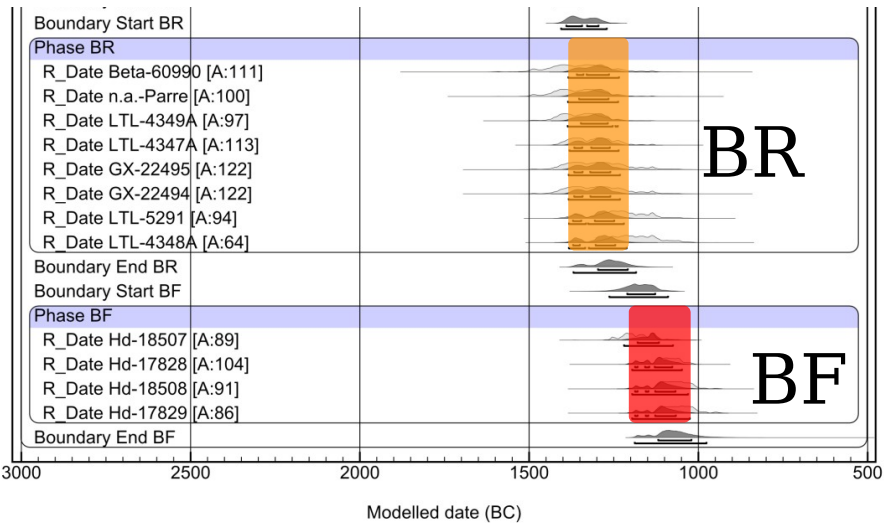
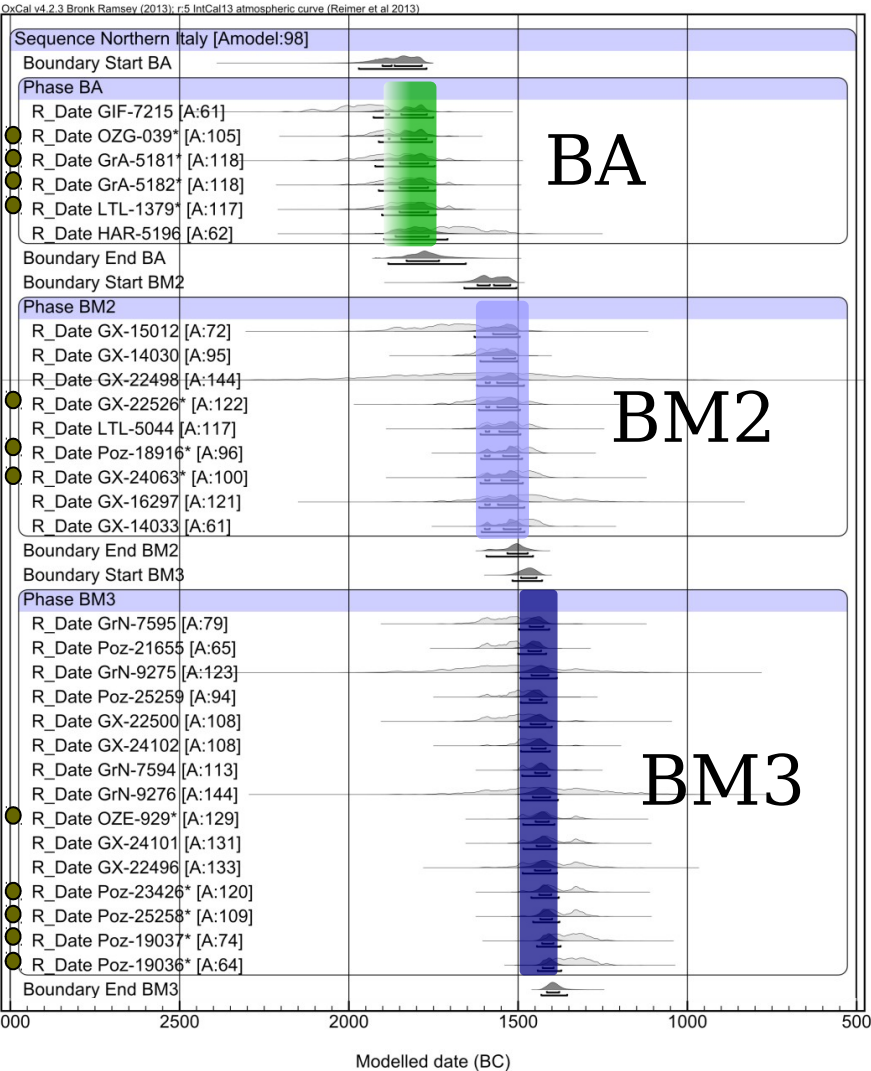
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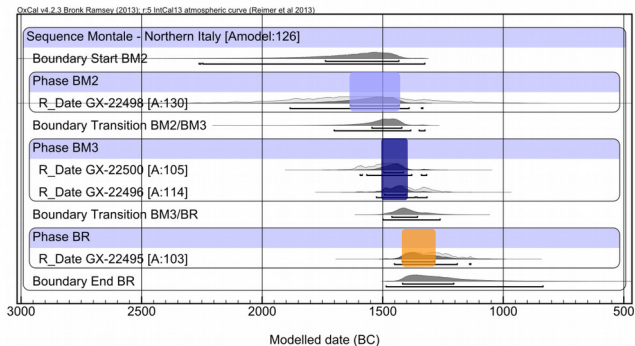
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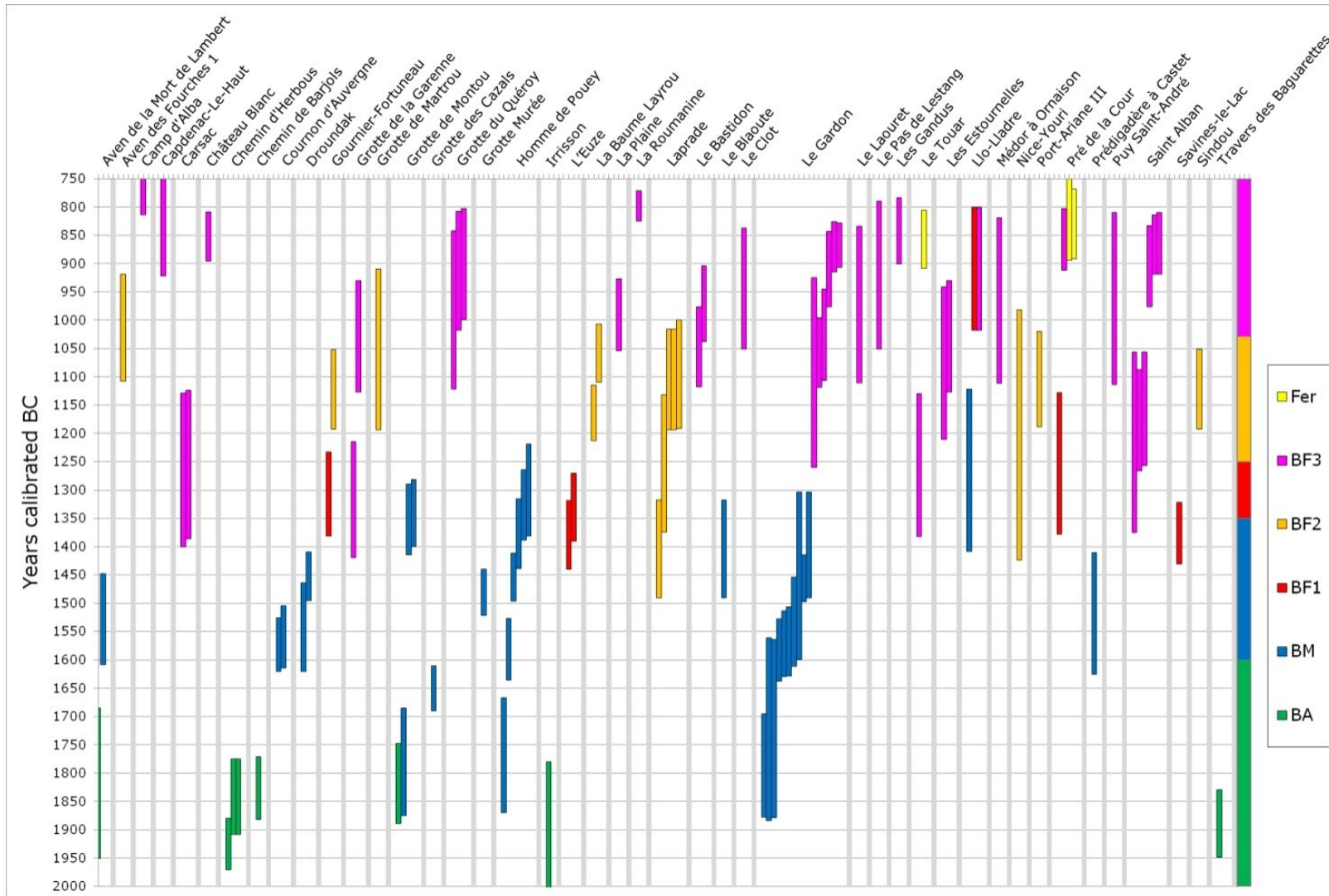
Sequential model for archaeological contexts located in Northern Italy ($A_{model}=98.4$)



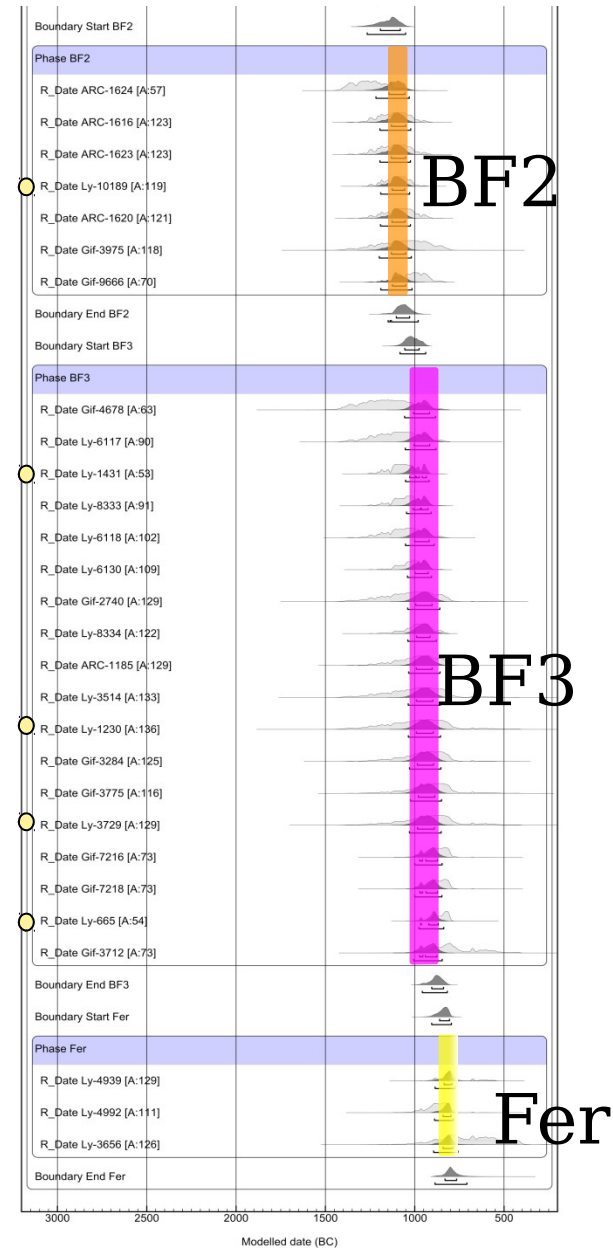
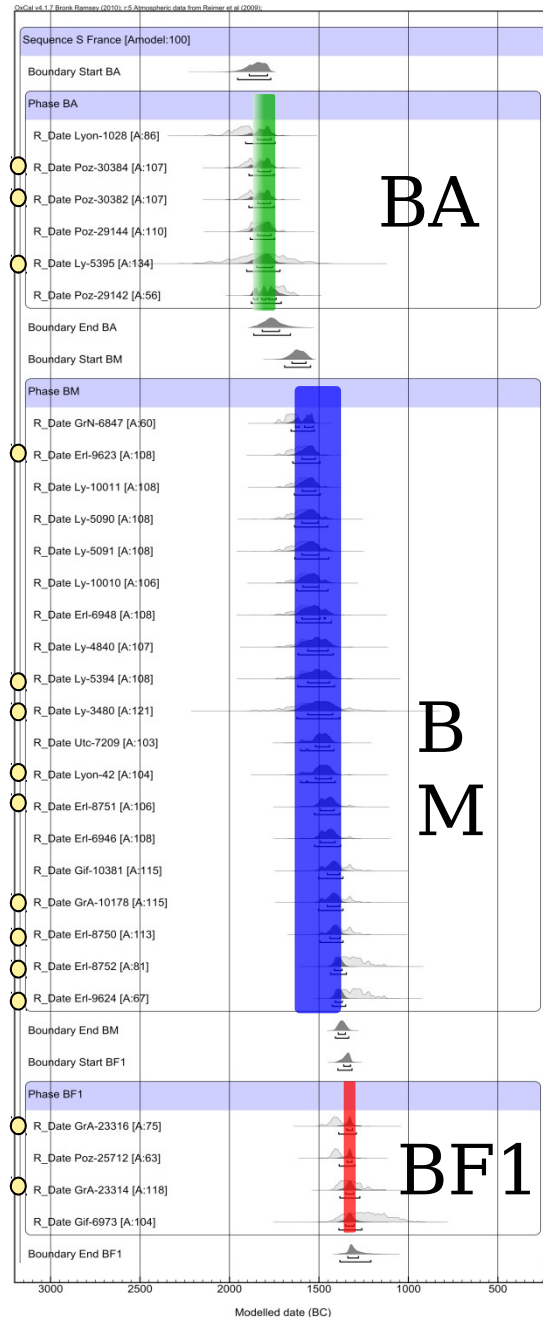
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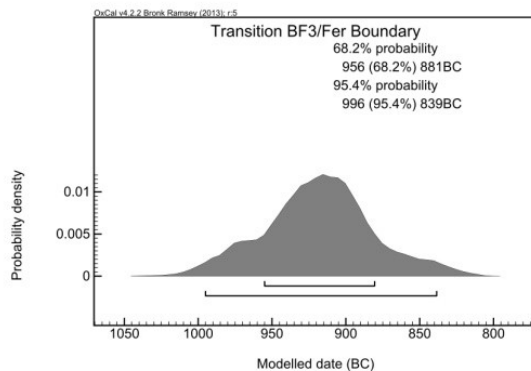
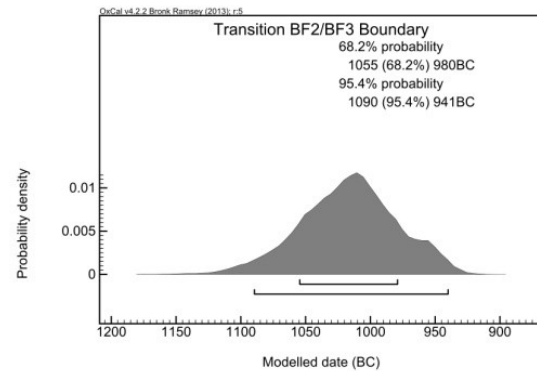
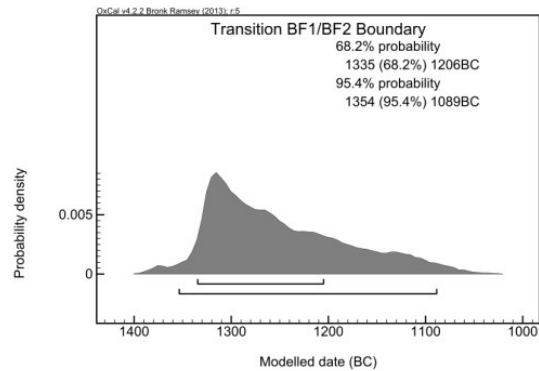
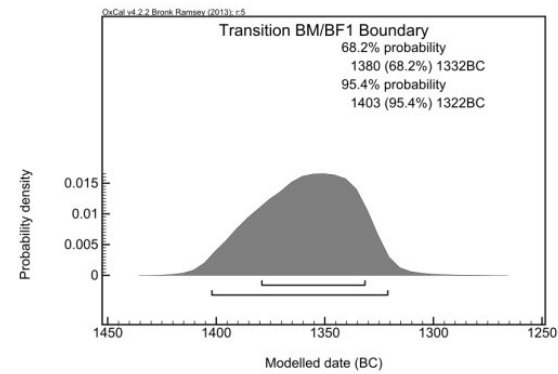
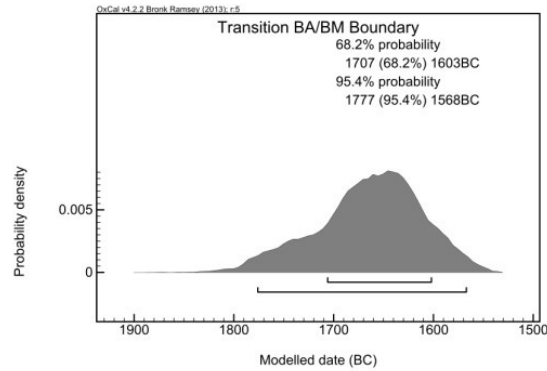
Radiocarbon dates (1σ) from reliable archaeological contexts located in Southern France



LA CRONOLOGÍA DE LA EDAD DEL BRONCE EN EL SUR DE FRANCIA



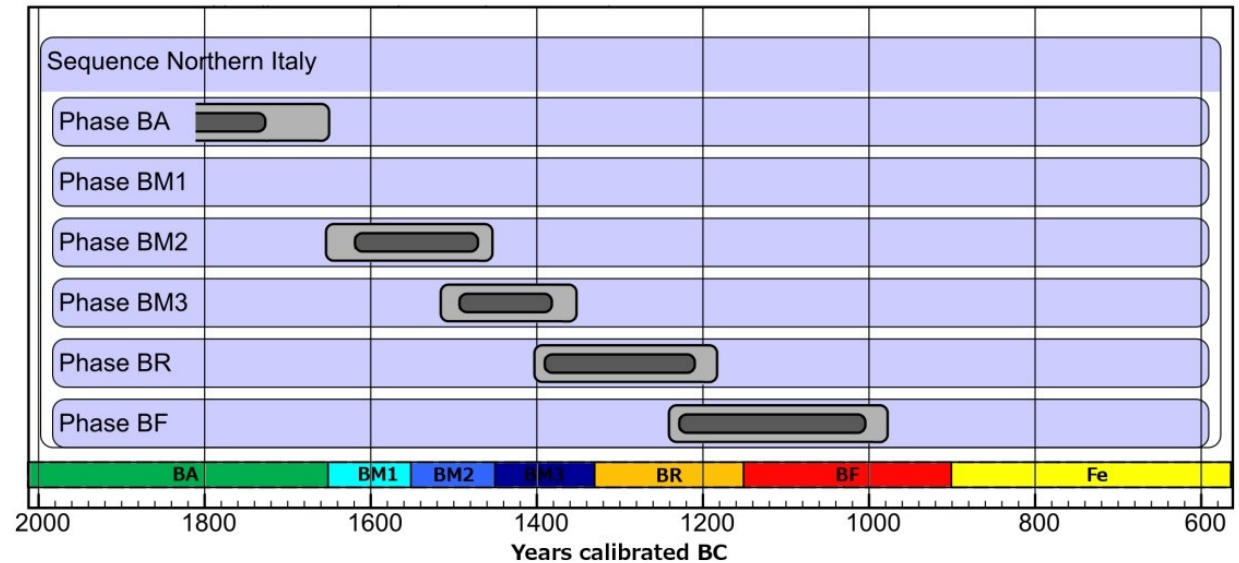
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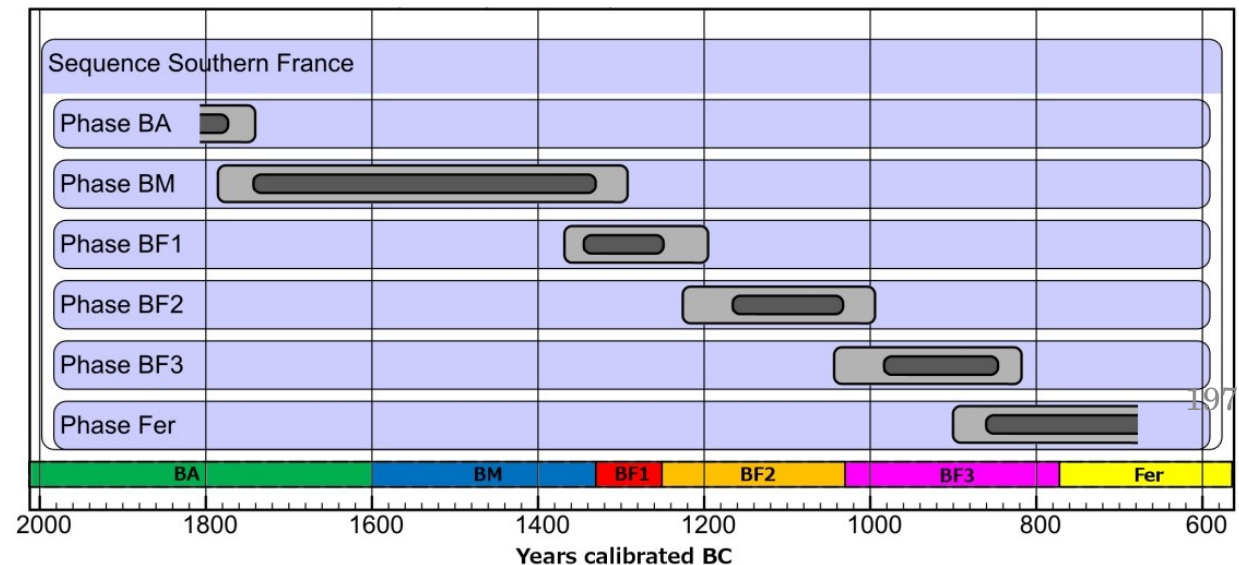
RESULTS OF THE BAYESIAN MODELING FOR NORTHERN ITALY AND SOUTHERN FRANCE.

Only the analyzed sub phases have been represented. The conventional chronology is shown above the x-axis.

NORTHERN ITALY



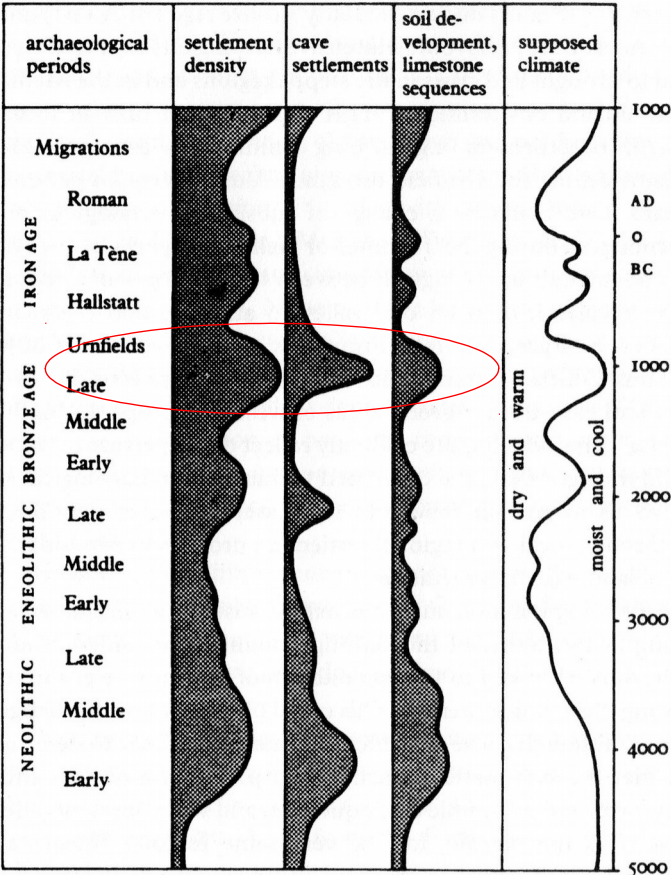
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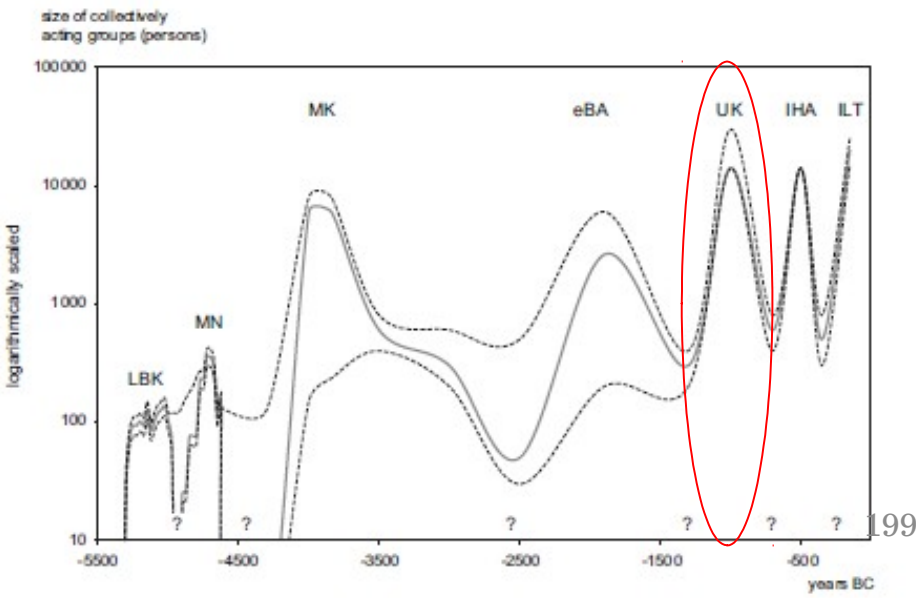
INFERRING POPULATION GROWTH FROM ^{14}C DATA

THE STUDY OF POPULATION TRENDS IN THE BRONZE AGE AND IN THE IRON AGE TRANSITION

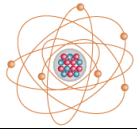
Kristiansen (1998b) suggested that the Urnfield period was one on the most densely populated phase in the Prehistory characterized by an enhance of population size in a large part of Europe, mainly in the period 1100/1000 BC.



For the Bronze Age Zimmerman (2009, 2012) argued population densities in Central Europe between 0.6 and 1.8 persons per 100 km²



INFERRING DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES FROM THE RADIOCARBON RECORD



^{14}C DATE
(ISOTOPIC EVENT)



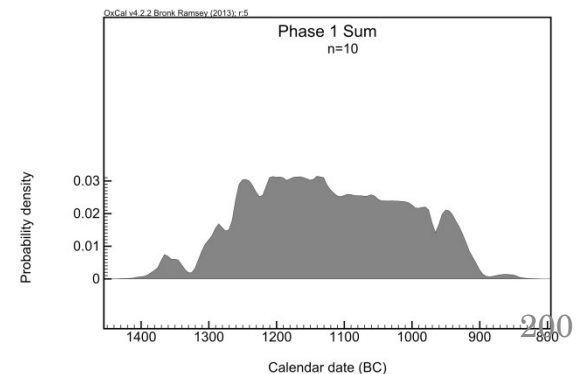
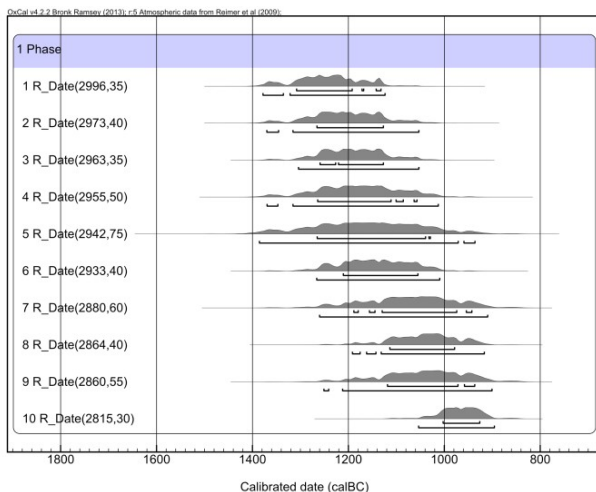
EVIDENCE OF AN
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DATASET OF ^{14}C DATES
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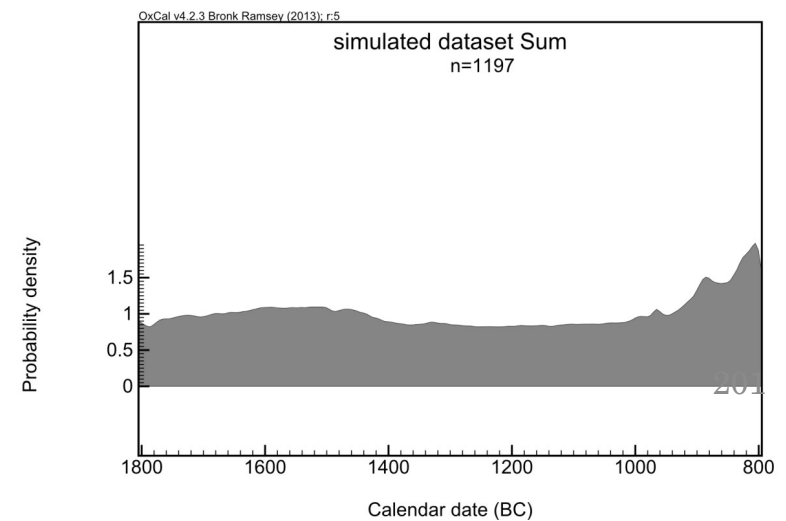
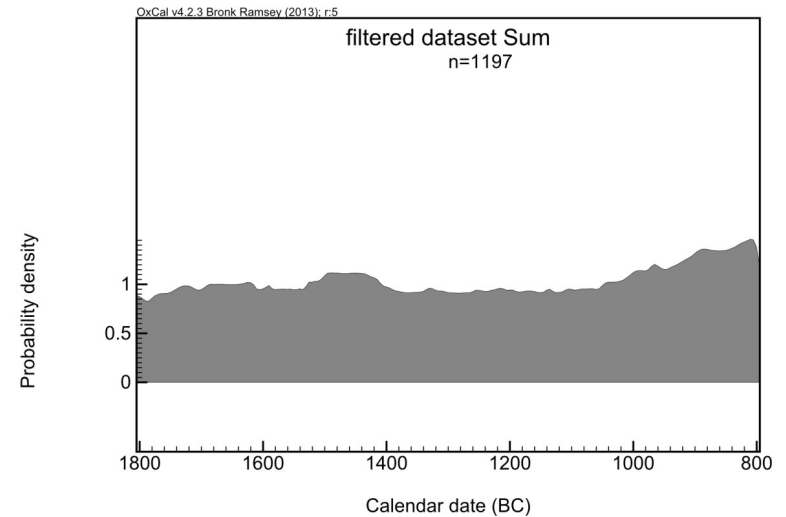
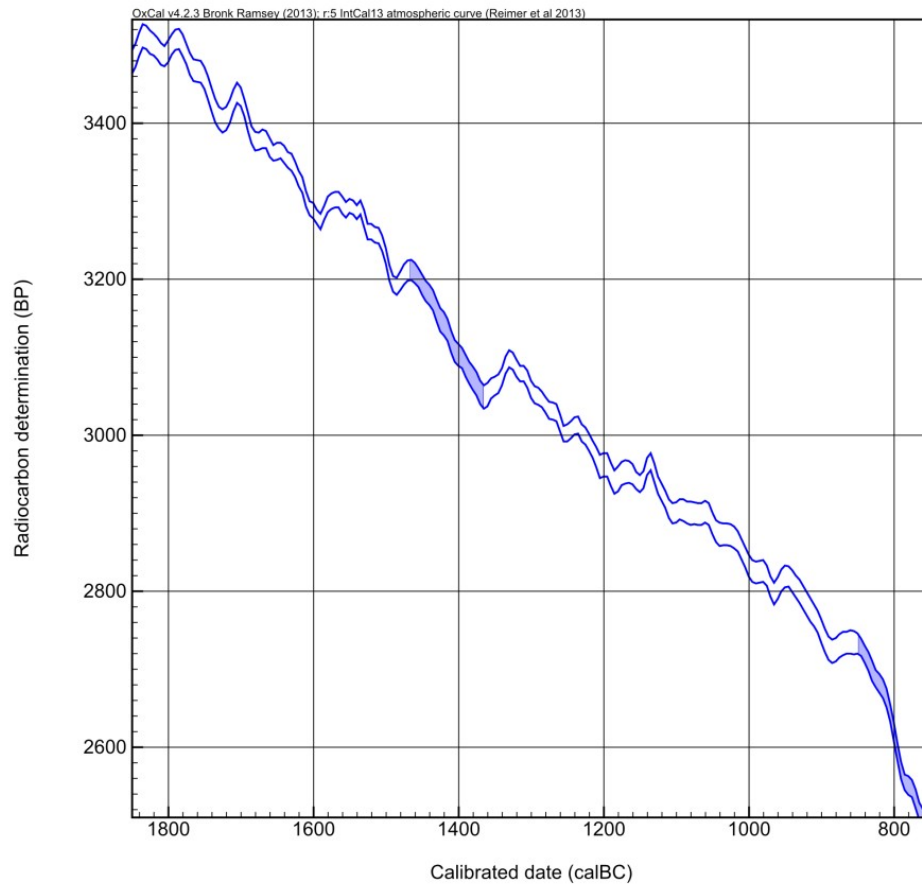


EVIDENCE OF A
COLLECTIVE ACTION

Summing a group of radiocarbon dates we can infer demographic changes in a space-time unit. The most used method is the Summed Calibrated Probability Distribution (SCPD).



POPULATION STATIONARITY BETWEEN 1800 AND 800 BC ON A MACRO SCALE

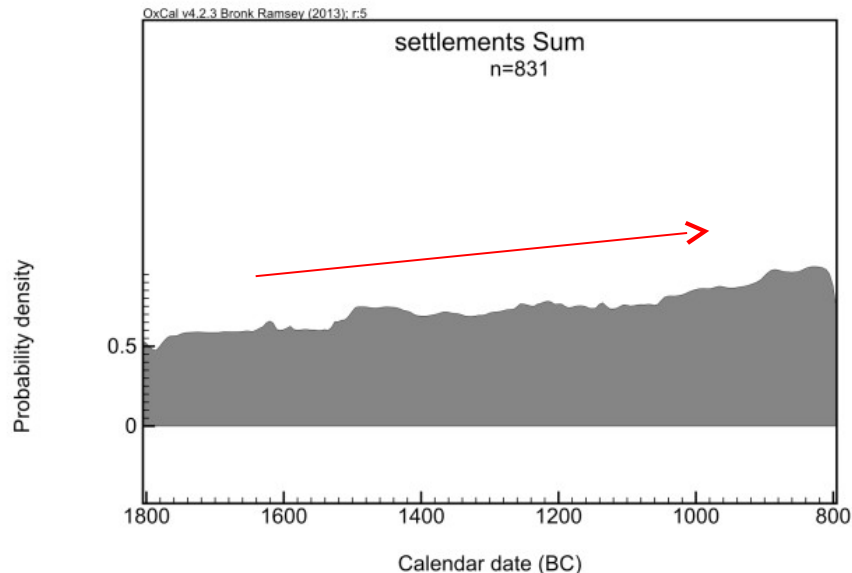


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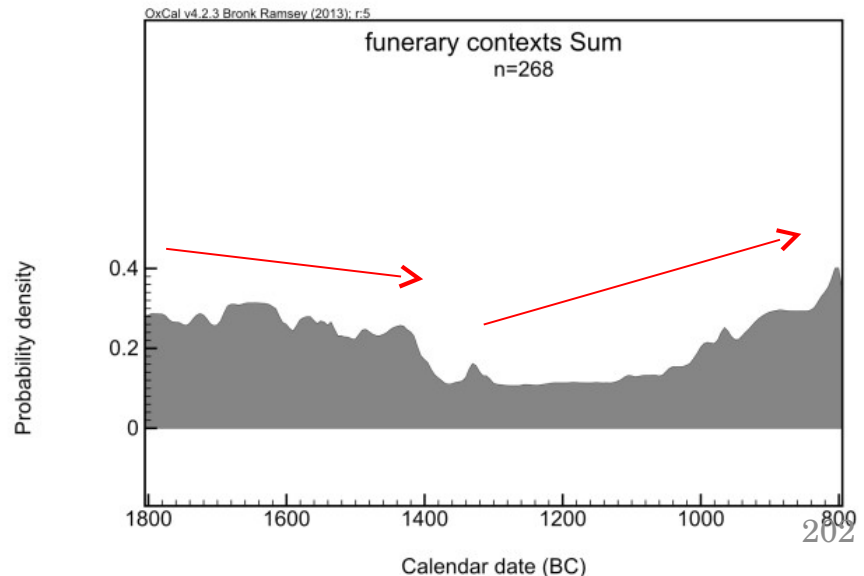


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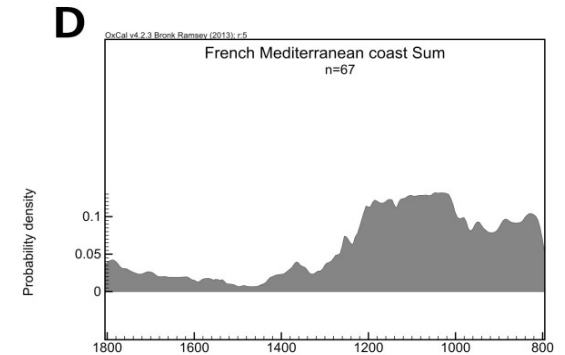
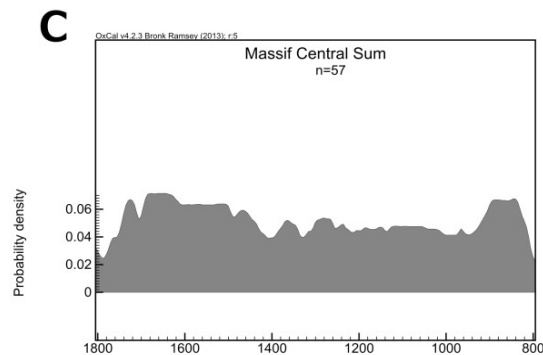
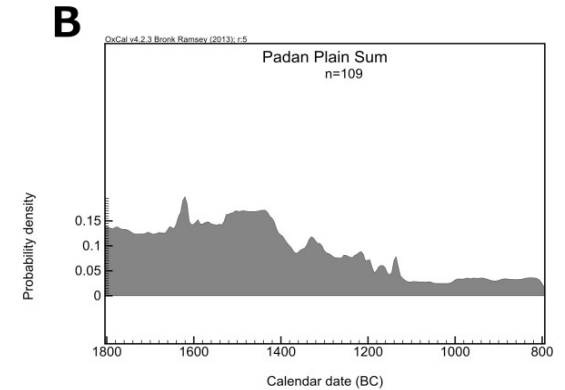
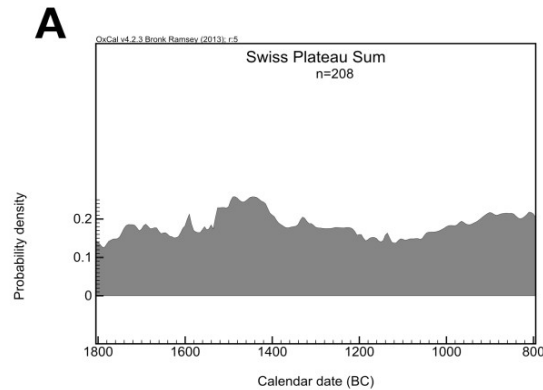
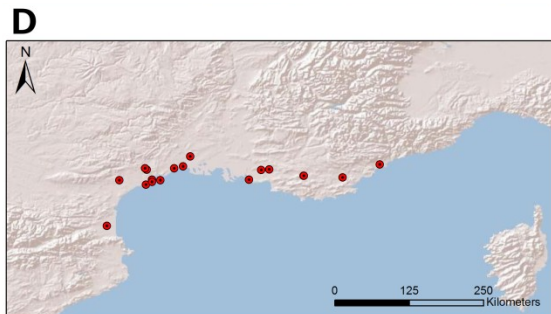
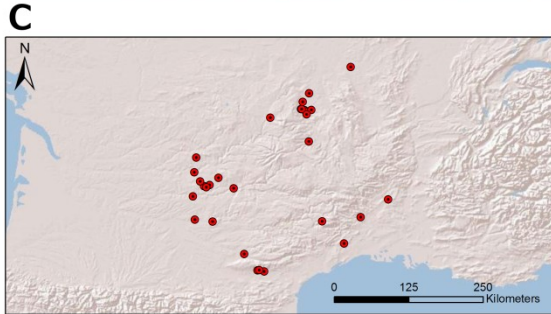
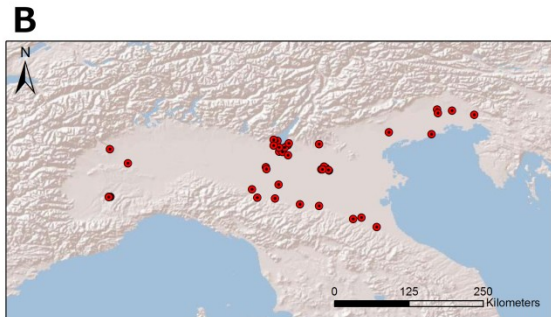
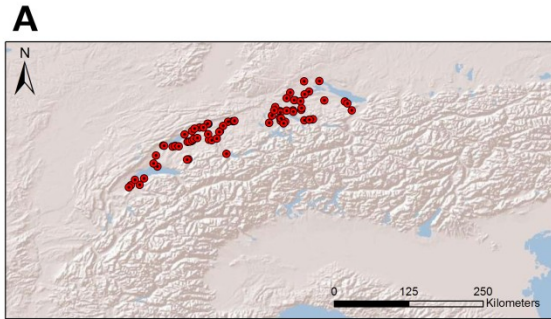
Residential areas



Funerary contexts





DIFFERENCES IN THE TEMPORAL DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTED DATA BETWEEN 1800 AND 800 BC ON A REGIONAL SCALE



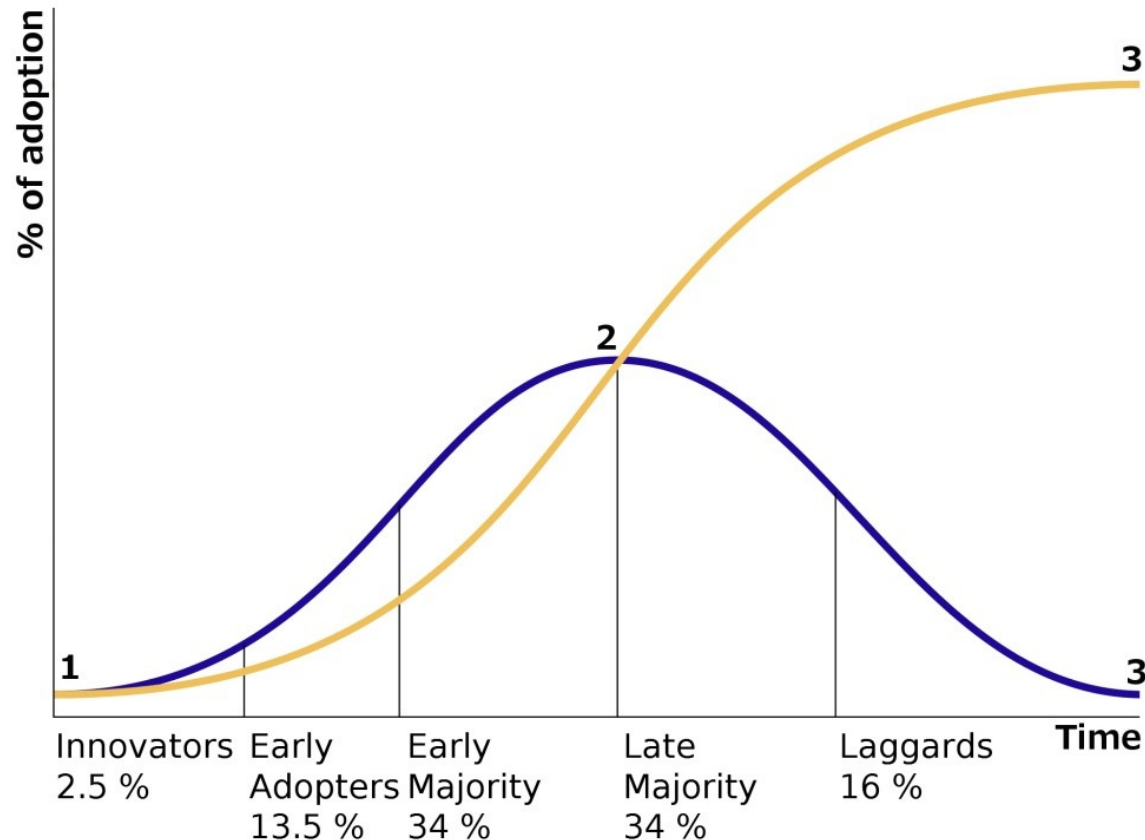
Archaeological sites included in the regional SCPDs. The Swiss Plateau (A), the Padan Plain (B), the Massif Central (C) and the French Mediterranean coast (D).

GROWTH, DIFFUSION AND THE ADOPTION OF INNOVATIONS ACROSS TIME

SOCIAL THEORY: CULTURAL TRANSMISSION

- *The Innovation* → Cremation burials and new pottery and metallic typologies
- *Interaction Channels* → Mediums by which information is transmitted to or within a social system
- *Time* → 
- *Space* → 
- *The Social System* → "a set of interrelated units that are engaged in joint problem-solving to accomplish a common goal" (Rogers 2003)

THEORETICAL REMARKS: The S-shaped curve

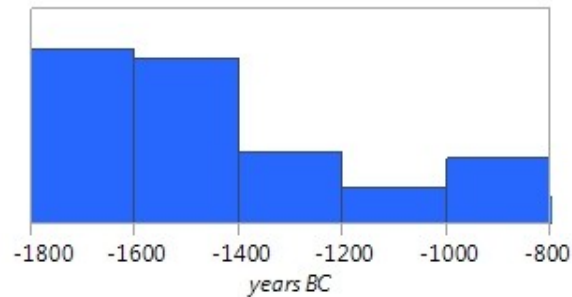
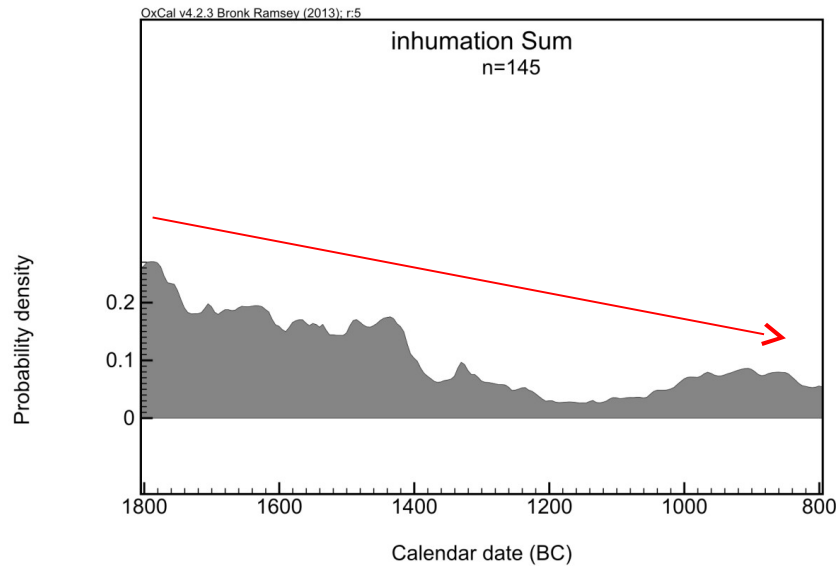


The diffusion of innovation according to Rogers (2003).
The normal distribution is in blue and the cumulative
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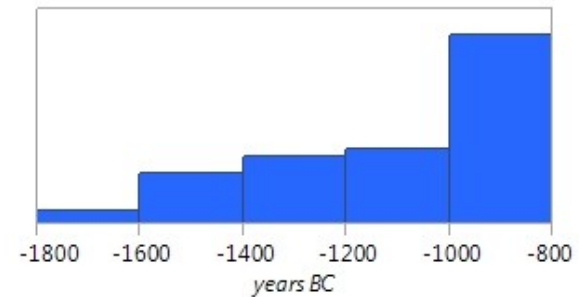
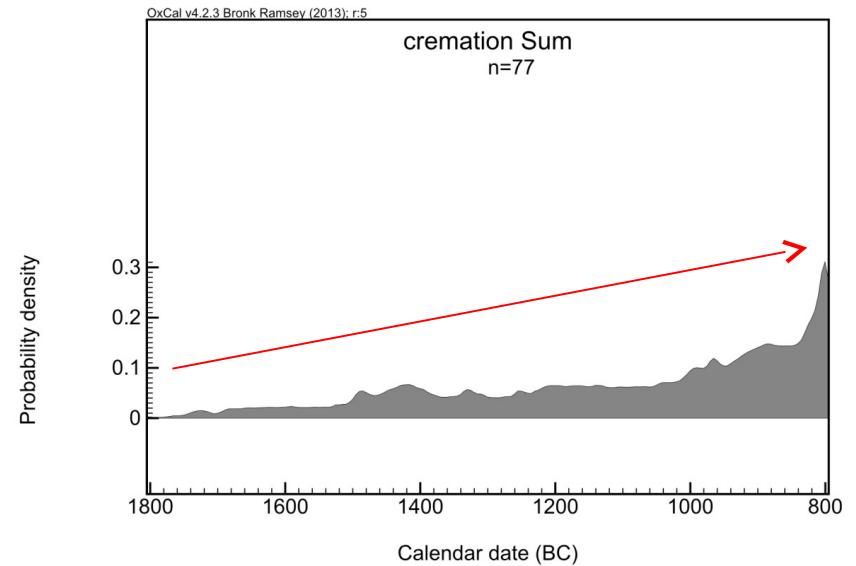
SCPDs AND HISTOGRAMS OF MEDIANS OF FUNERARY CONTEXTS INCLUDED IN THE EUBAR DATABASE

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Inhumation burials



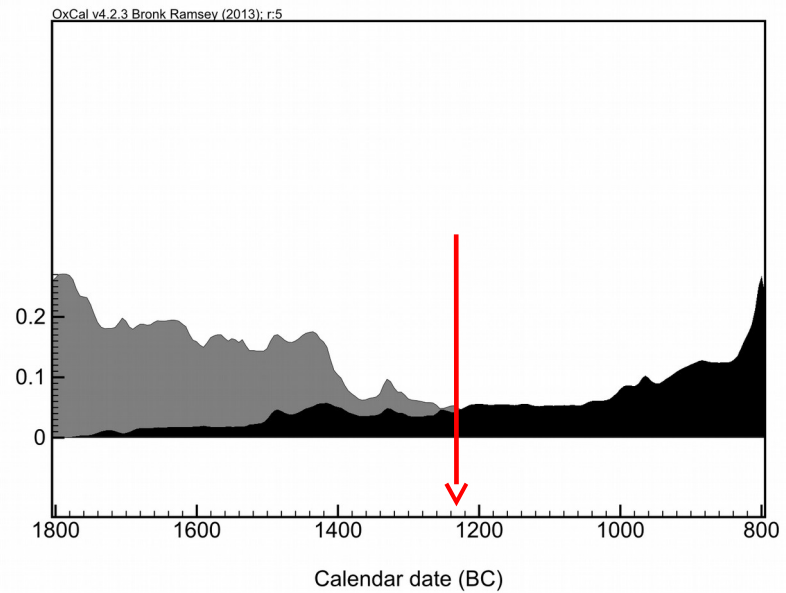
Cremation burials



ON A MACRO-SCALE FROM THE EBRO TO THE DANUBE RIVERS



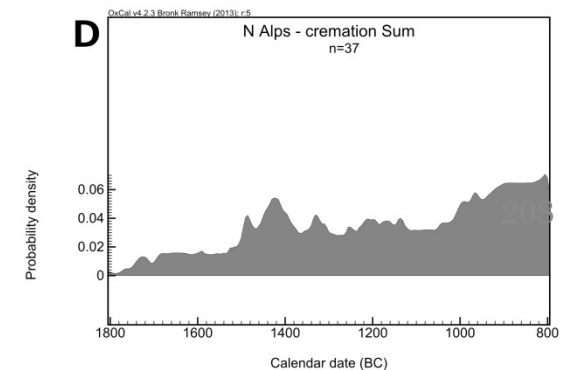
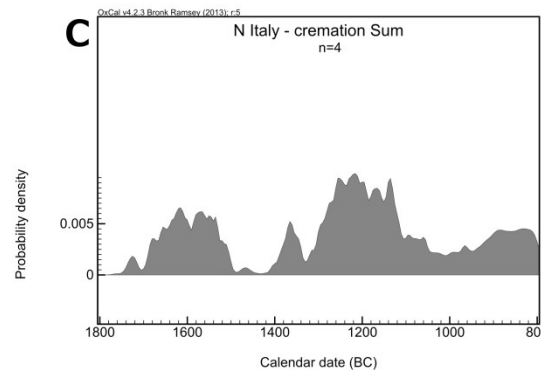
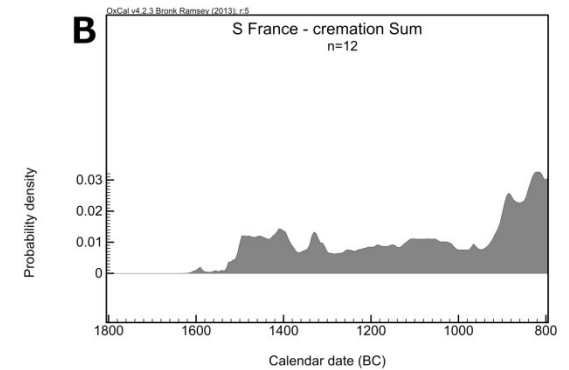
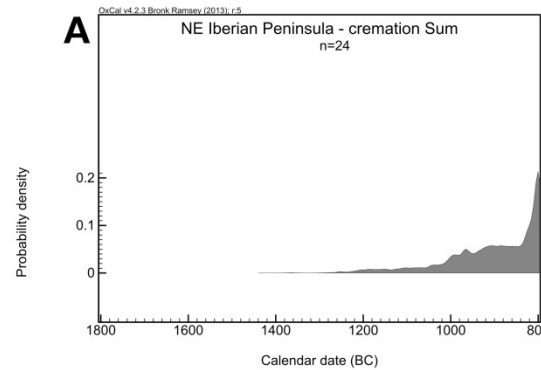
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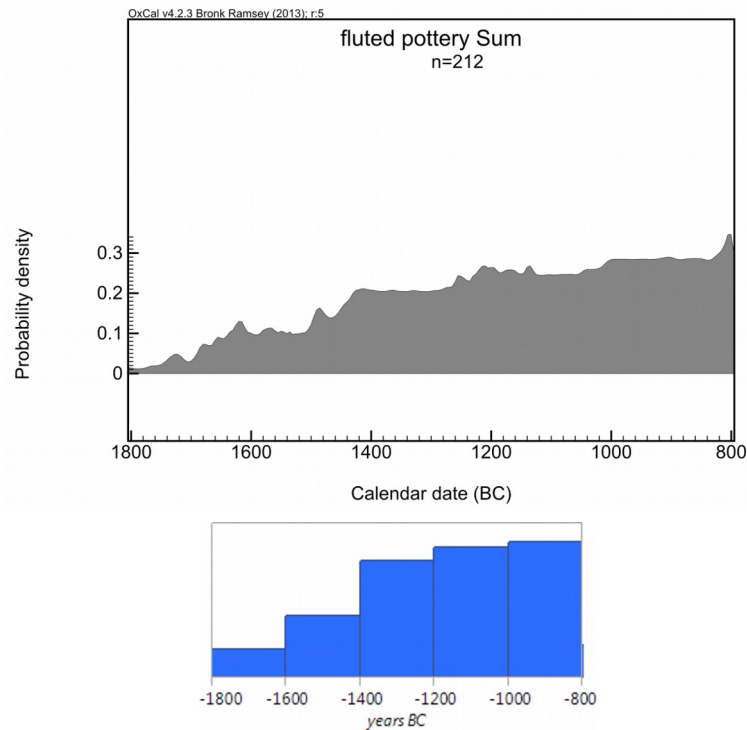


SCPDs of ^{14}C -dated
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region (D).

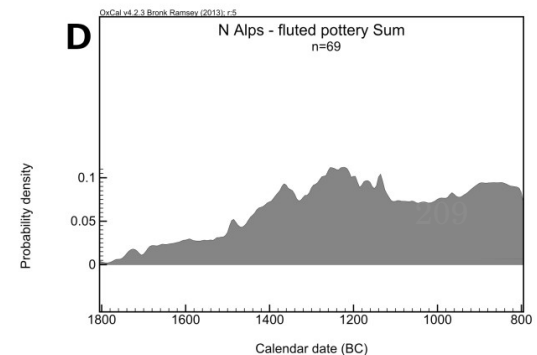
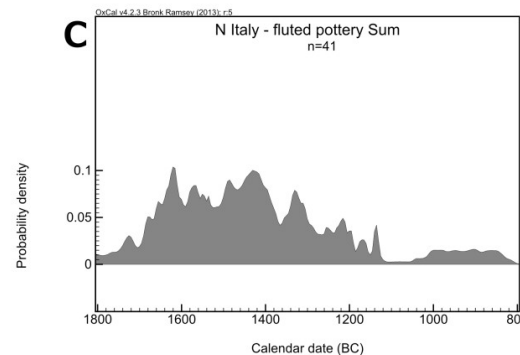
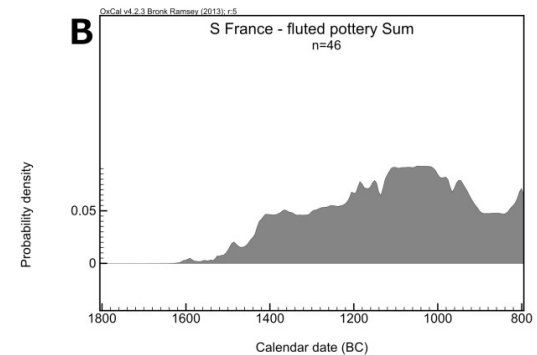
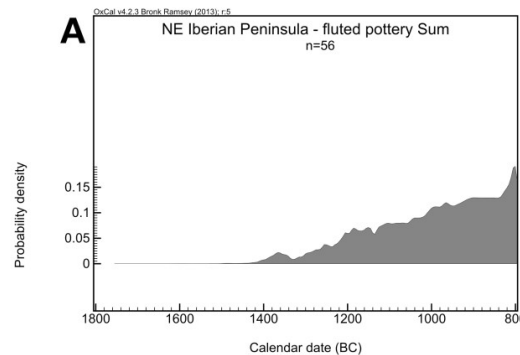


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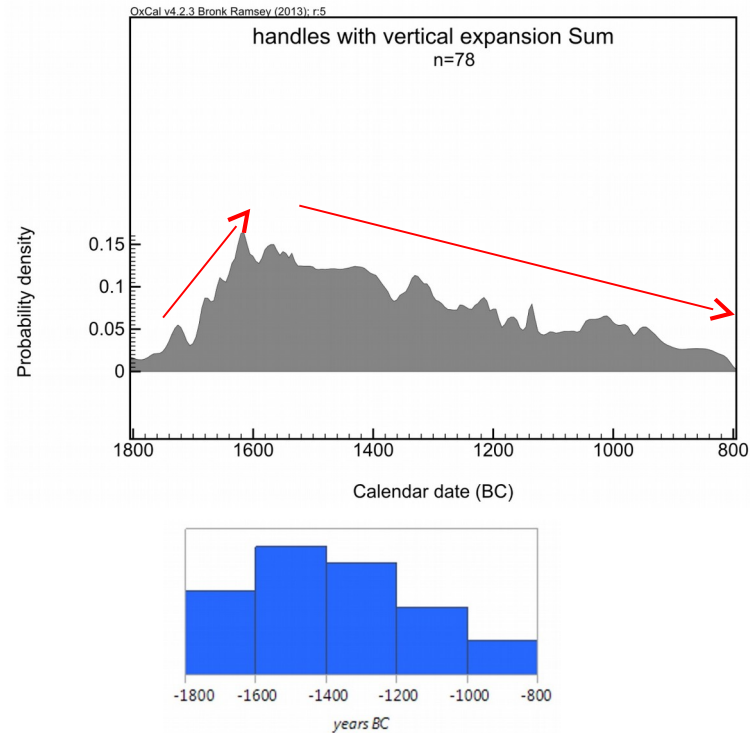


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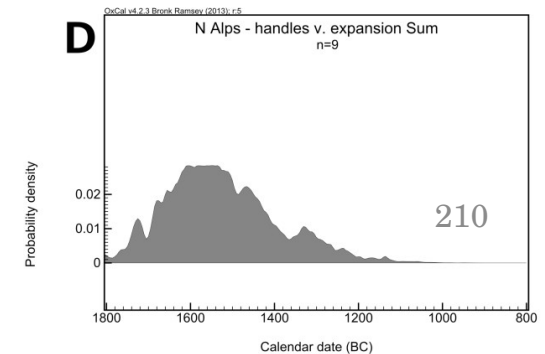
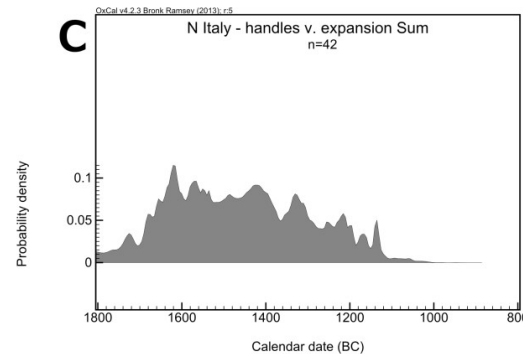
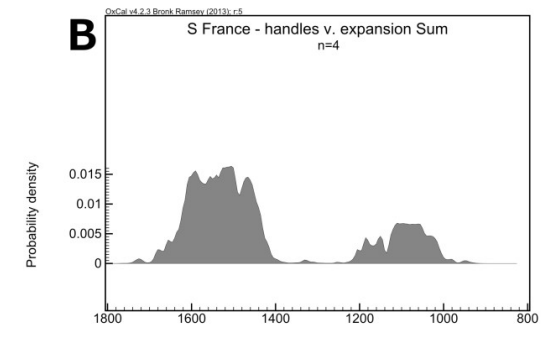
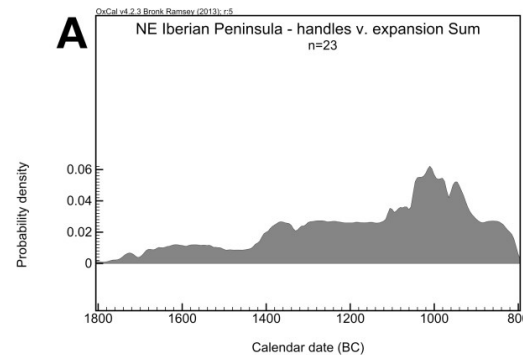


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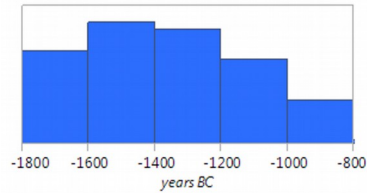
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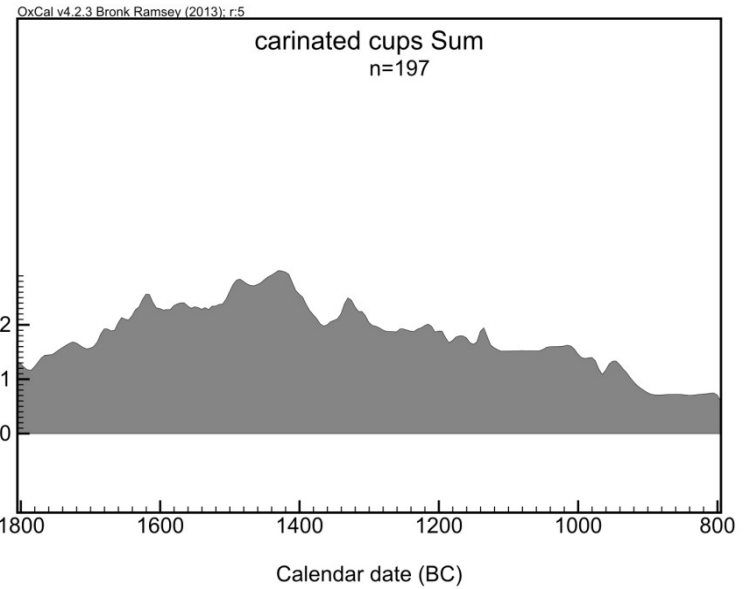
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NOT ALL THE VARIABLES CHARACTERIZE THE NEW PERIOD...

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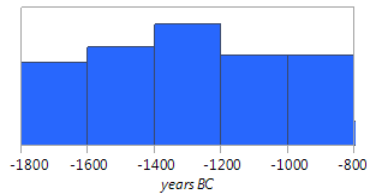
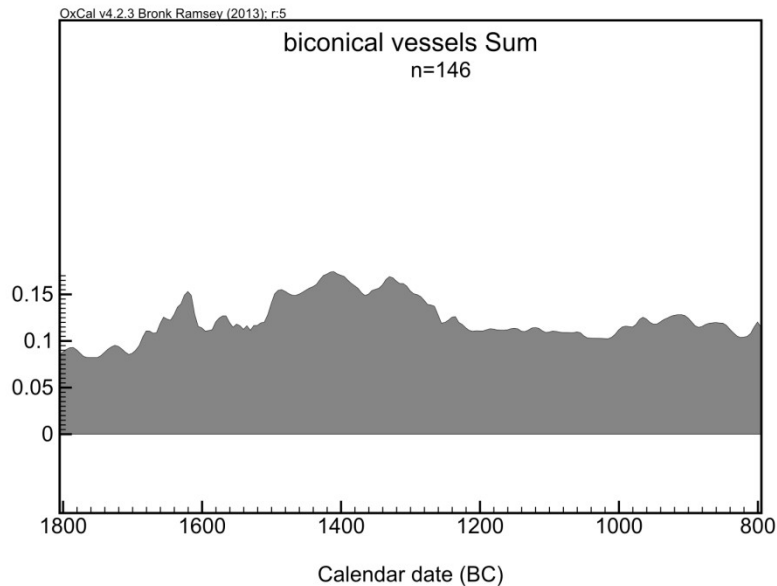


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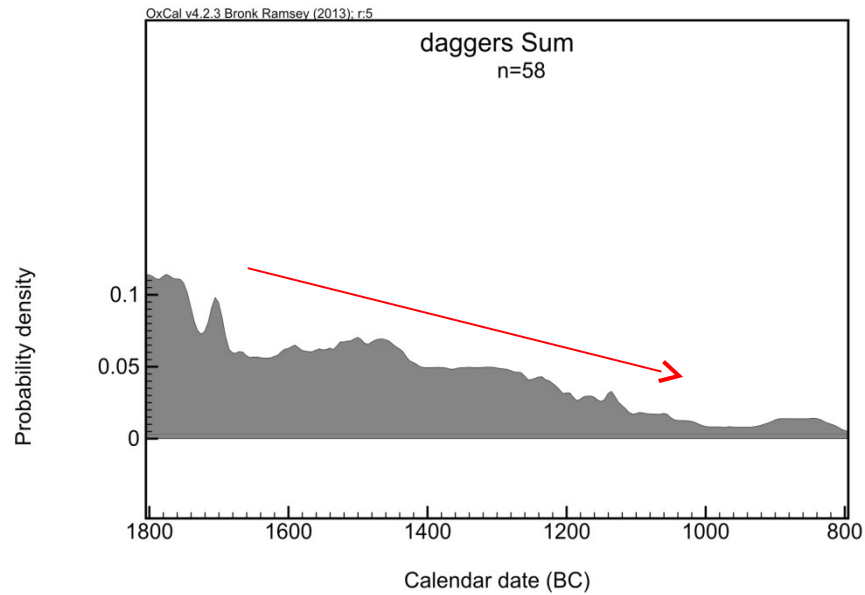


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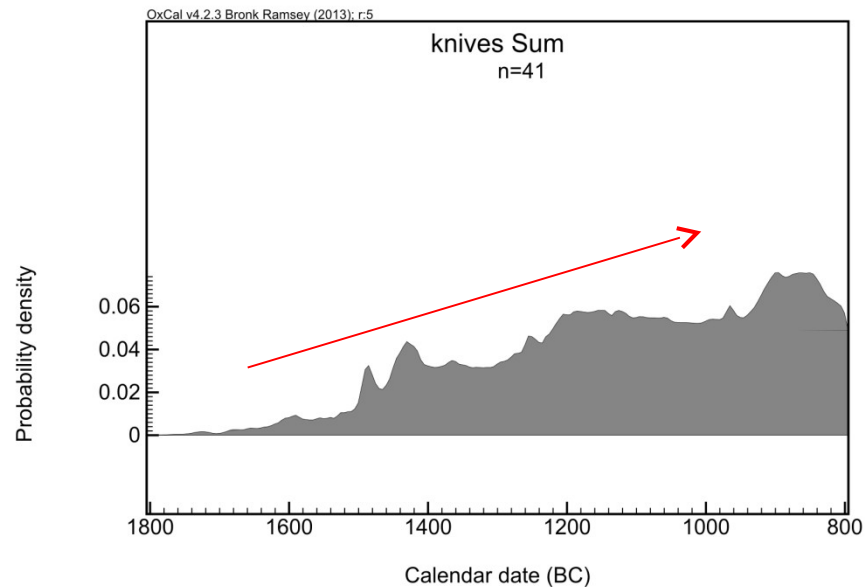
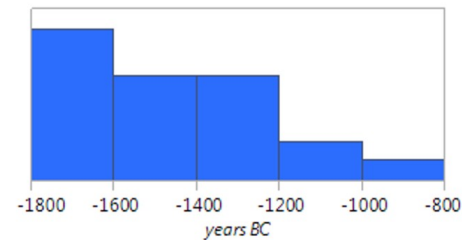
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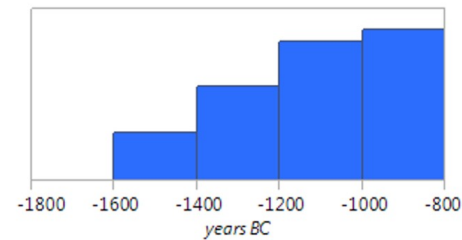
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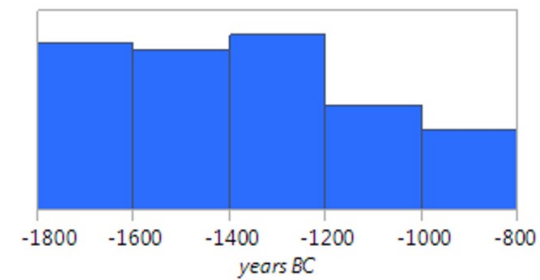
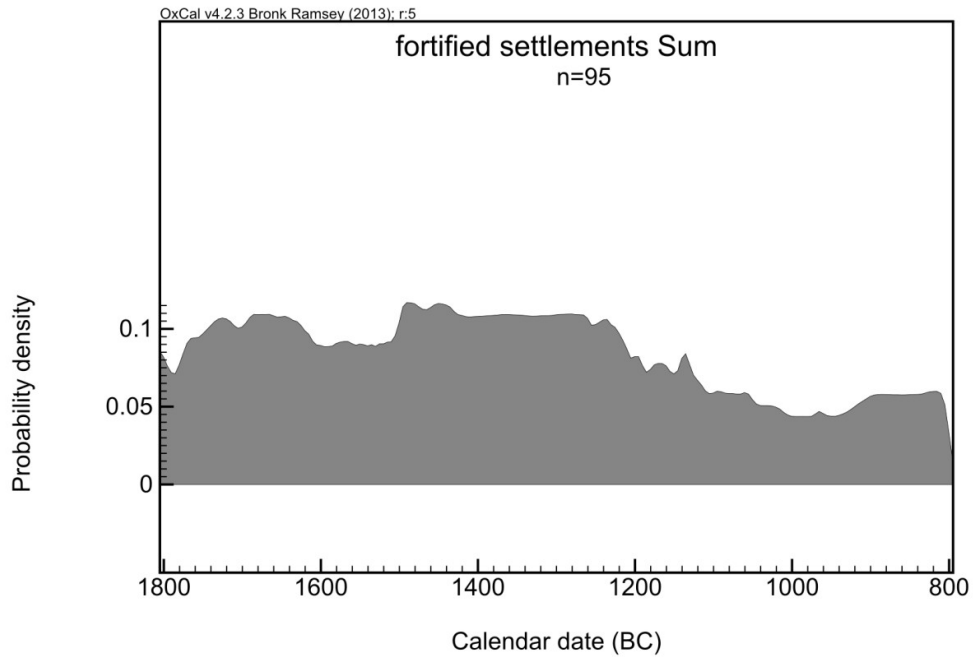
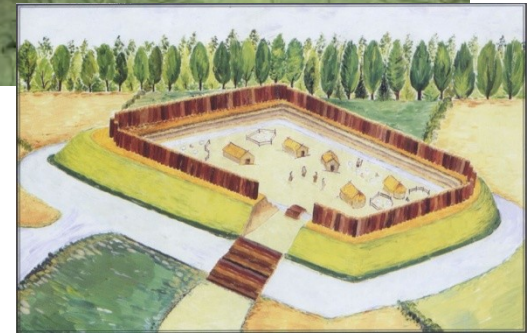
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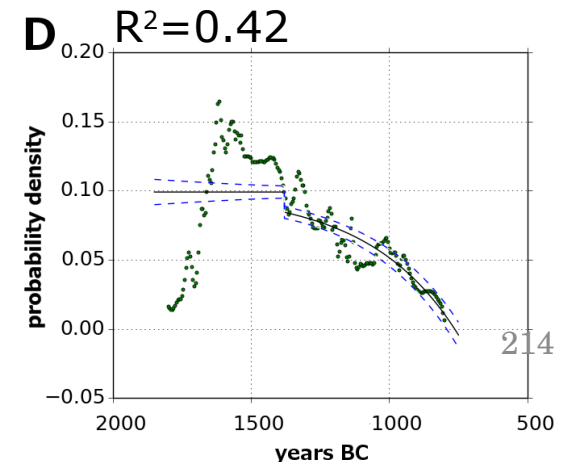
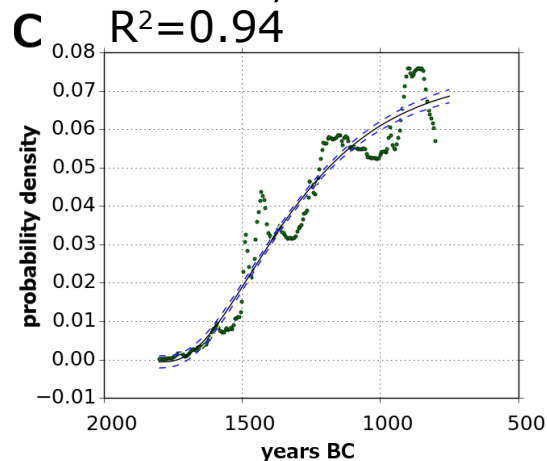
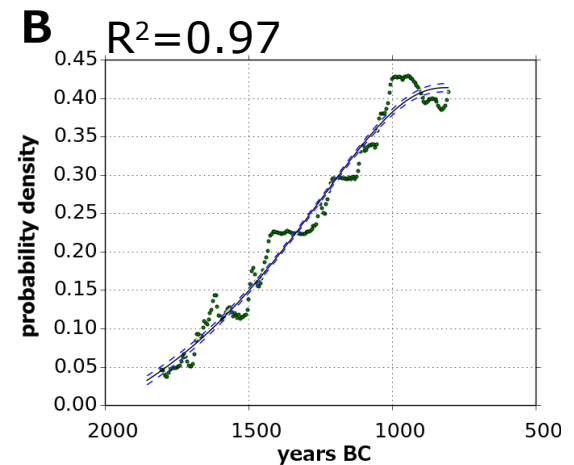
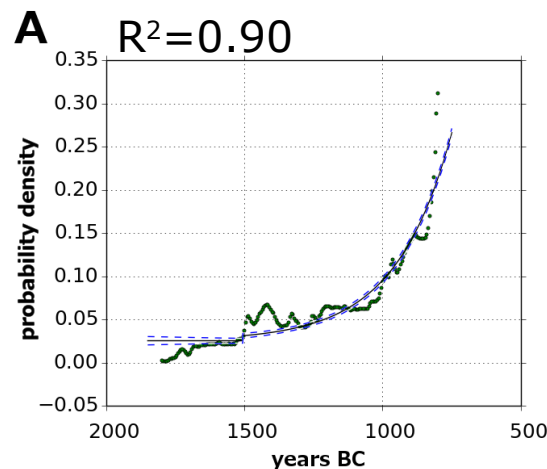
FITTING THE EXPLANATORY MODEL TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA

Generalized logistic distribution fitted to SCPDs data

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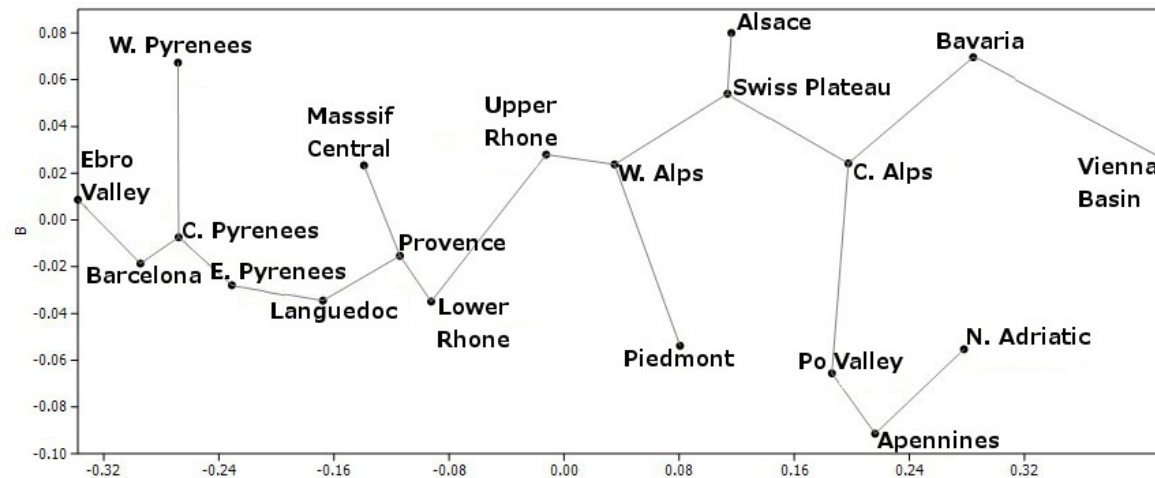
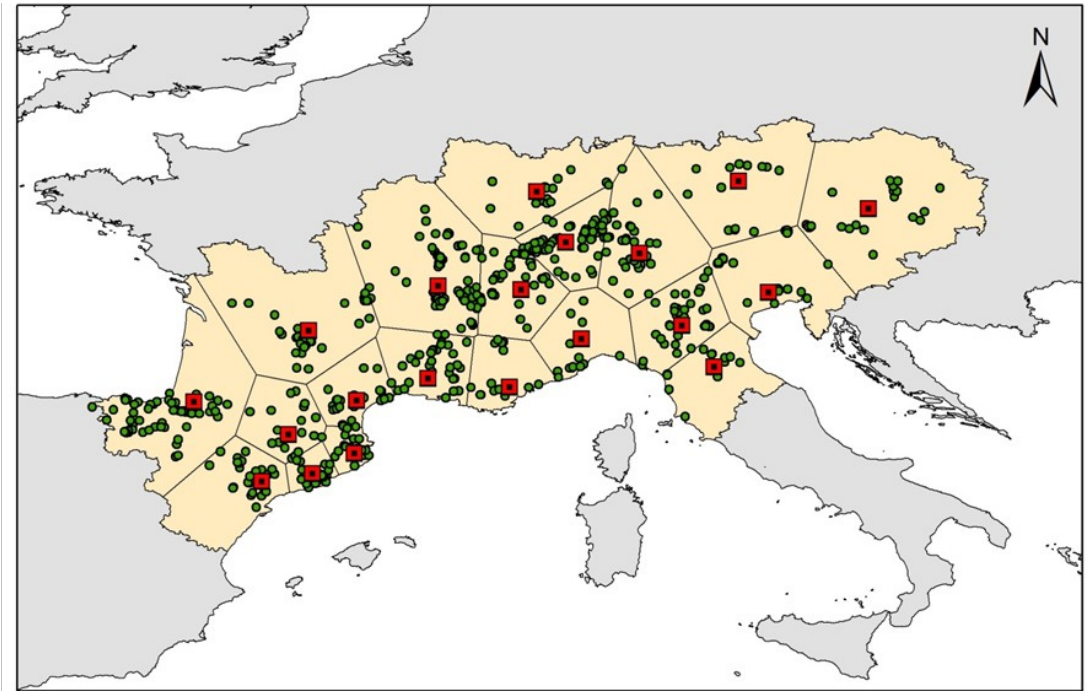
- cremation burials (A)
- fluted pottery (B)
- metal knives (C)
- vases with handles with vertical expansion (D).

The green dots represent the SCPDs, the black line the fitted curve and the dashed blue lines the 95% confidence interval. R^2 is the coefficient of determination.

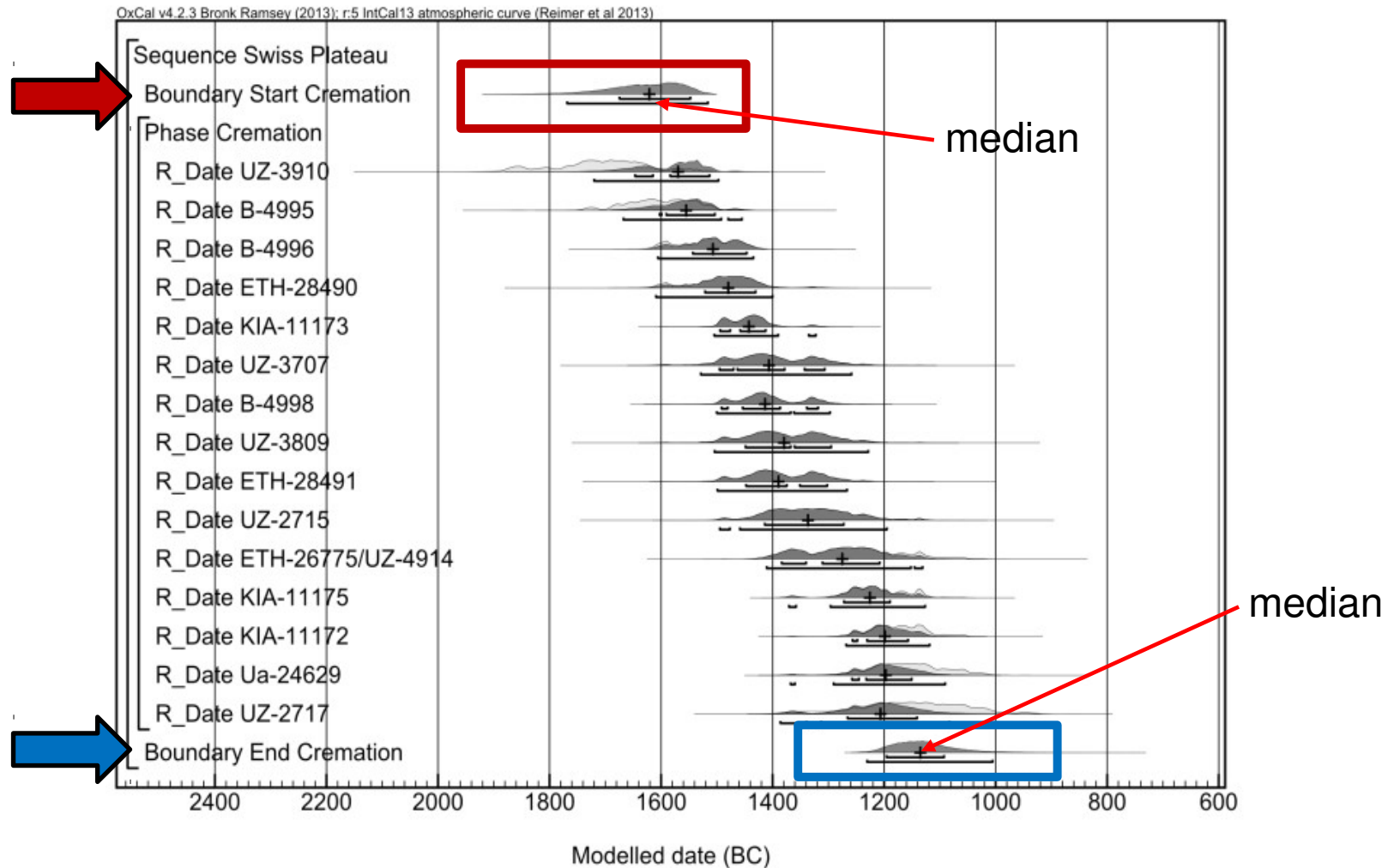


DATA FROM 20 MACRO REGIONS

We took into account 20 regions calculated using Thiessen polygons. Each region constitutes a buffer zone around one central point.



DATA STRUCTURE: Lower and Upper Boundaries



Survival time (or duration) can be described by two independent parameters, a **start event** t_a and a **finish event** t_b .

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA FROM 20 GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

Region	Funerary ritual	Lower Boundary	Upper Boundary
Ebro Valley	Inhumation	1800	1519
Ebro Valley	Cremation	821	800
Barcelona	Inhumation	1800	1334
Barcelona	Cremation	997	800
W. Pyrenees	Inhumation	1800	1517
W. Pyrenees	Cremation	896	800
C. Pyrenees	Inhumation	1800	744
C. Pyrenees	Cremation	1358	800
E. Pyrenees	Inhumation	1800	890
E. Pyrenees	Cremation	960	800
Languedoc	Inhumation	1800	1435

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Piedmont	Cremation	1800	800
Po Valley	Inhumation	1800	1765
Po Valley	Cremation	1600	800
Apennines	Inhumation	-	-
Apennines	Cremation	-	-
N. Adriatic	Inhumation	1800	1496
N. Adriatic	Cremation	1380	800
Vienna Basin	Inhumation	1800	782
Vienna Basin	Cremation	1255	800

CREATION OF TWO SURVIVAL TIME TABLES:

- a) for measuring the survival of traditional cultural feature (INHUMATION)
- b) to estimate the temporal delay in adopting the cultural change (CREMATION)

T_i : positive number indicating the number of calendar years

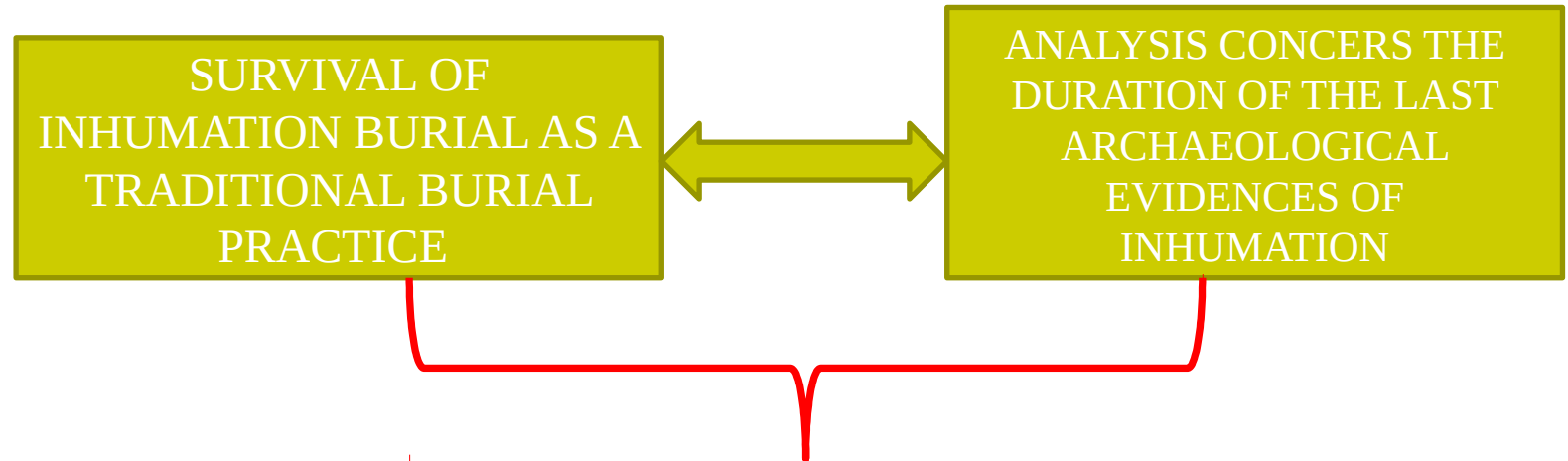
- **SURVIVAL TIME TABLE A:**
survival of BA traditions has been calculated as the difference between time 0 (1800 BC) and the median of Bayesian interval for the last occurrences of inhumations in a region within the studied period

REGION	INHUMATION SURVIVAL TIME (number of calendar years since 1800 BC until the last occurrence)
Ebro Valley	281
Barcelona	466
W. Pyrenees	283
C. Pyrenees	1056
E. Pyrenees	910
Languedoc	365
Massif Central	651

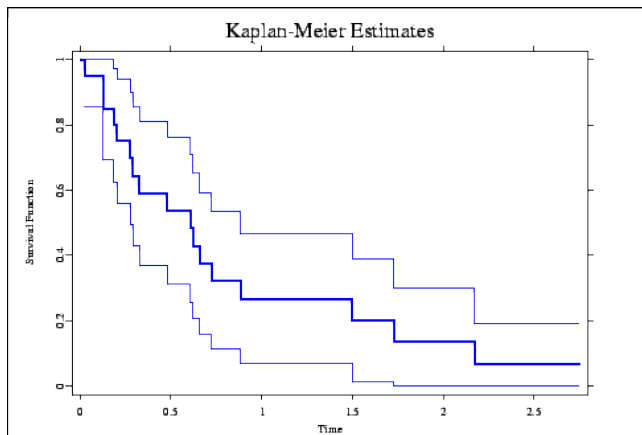
- **SURVIVAL TIME TABLE B:**
the delay in adopting the funerary ritual has been calculated as the difference between time 0 (1800 BC) and the median of the Bayesian interval for the first occurrence of cremations in a region within the studied period

REGION	CREMATION ADOPTION (number of calendar years since 1800 BC until the first occurrence)
Ebro Valley	979
Barcelona	803
W. Pyrenees	904
C. Pyrenees	442
E. Pyrenees	840
Languedoc	815
Massif Central	760

THE SURVIVAL OF INHUMATION IN BRONZE AGE EUROPE



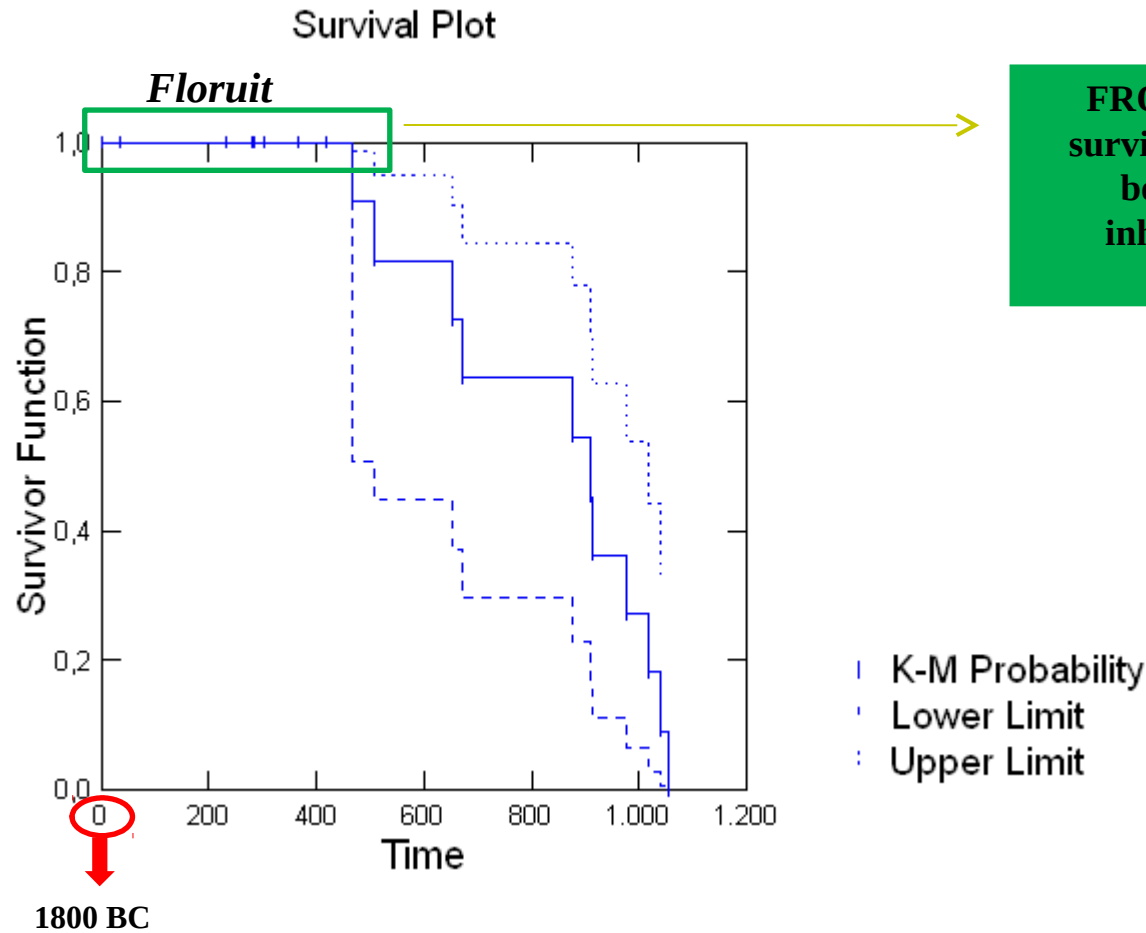
KAPLAN-MEIER ESTIMATOR OF THE SURVIVAL FUNCTION



$$S_{KM}(t_l) = \prod_{k=1}^l \left(1 - \frac{d_k}{n_k} \right).$$

Let $0 < t_1 < t_2 < t_l < \dots < t_L$ be the ordered (continuous) time points at which events occur, n_l is the number of cases at the risk right after t_{l-1} and d_l the number of events at time point t_l . Note that n_l equals n_{l-1} minus the number of events and the number of censored cases in time interval l . Values are plotted using a 95% confidence interval

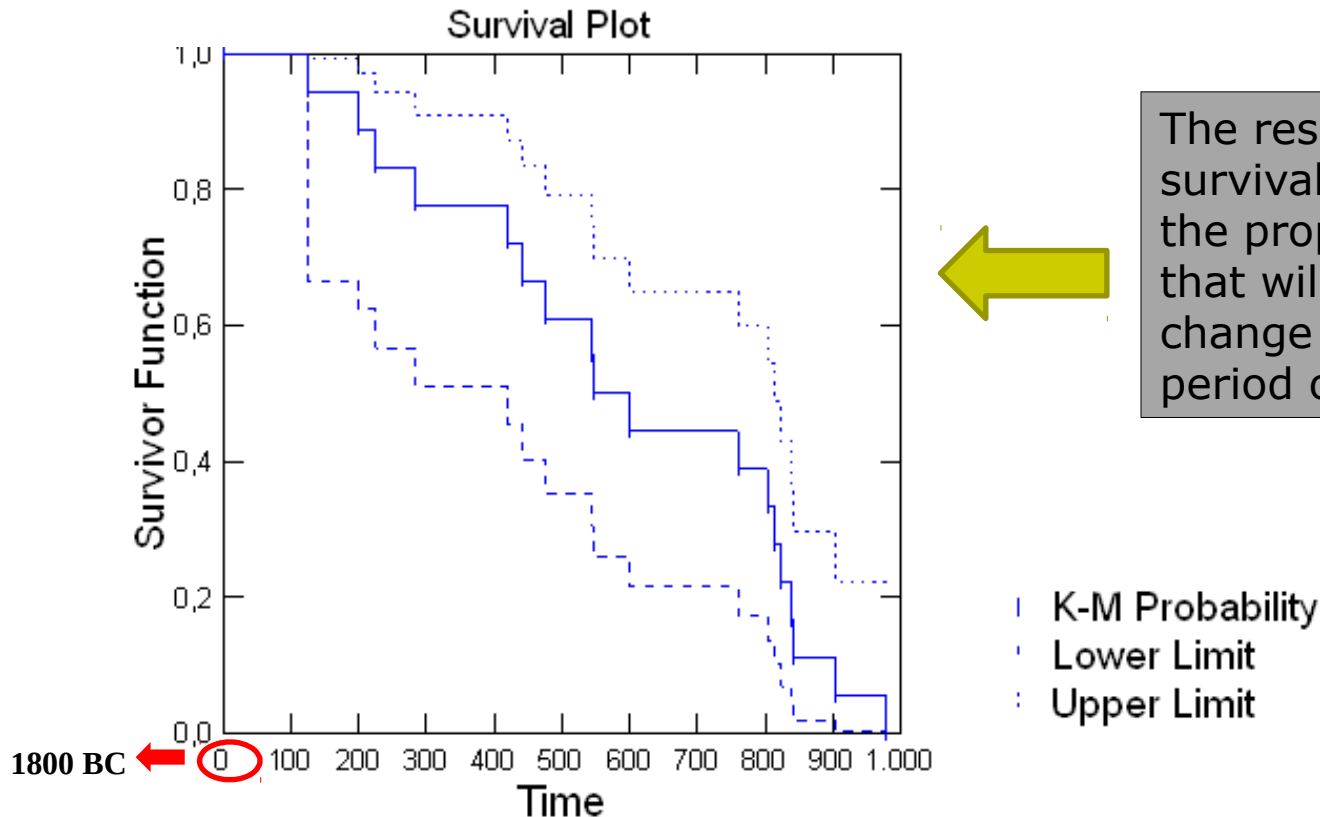
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**FROM 1800 TO 1450
survival probability is 1
because there are
inhumation burials
everywhere**

From 1450 onwards, the probability of this particular tradition surveying begins to decrease. In 150 years, probability decrease 20%. After a relatively short period without further changes (from 1230 to 1120 BC), the curve record a sudden decrease of additional 20%. Around 1120 BC inhumation survived in 60% of regions from the Alps to the Mediterranean. From 950 BC on, in 100 years the probability of inhumation survival decreases more than a 50%.

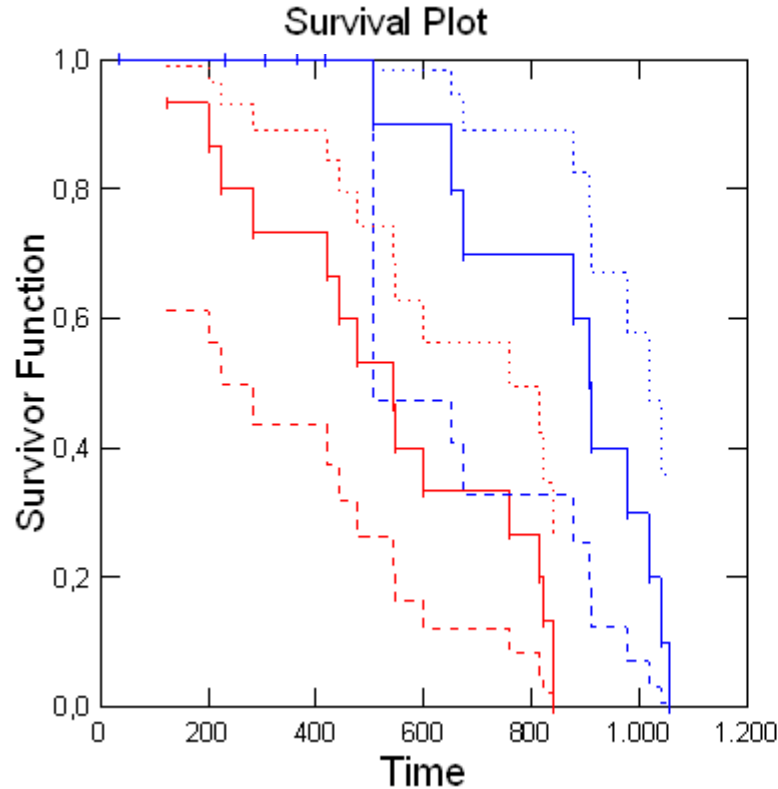
THE DELAY OF CREMATION BURIALS IN BRONZE AGE EUROPE



The resulting cumulative survival curve represents the proportion of regions that will resist to cultural change at least a given period of time (delay).

Until 1700 BC resistance to cultural change is maximum because inhumation is at its "floruit". The first occurrence of cremation can be understood as a sequence of fast but relatively unimportant occurrences of the new ritual. At 1500 BC, cultural delay was high enough (80%). The probability of cultural change resistance maintains for another 100 years, after which decreases quickly, 40% in 200 years. At 1200 BC a majority of regions have adopted the new cultural practice. From 1000 BC onwards, the dynamics of cultural change increase, so that at 750 BC all regions from the Alps to the Mediterranean have adopted cremation rite.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF TRADITIONS AND THE ADOPTION OF NEW CULTURAL FEATURES



Log-Rank test using Mantel and Haenszel statistic produced a p -value of 0.000, which suggests that there are relevant differences between both curves, indicating that survival of old traditions and resistance to adopt innovations were not temporally correlated in a linear way.

K-M Probability	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
— Cremation	--- Cremation	--- Cremation
— Inhumation	--- Inhumation	--- Inhumation

The probability of survival of the tradition was always higher than the probability of resistance to change. Cremation in no case substituted entirely the previous ritual. The moment at which 50% of studied regions maintained the old tradition (1000 BC) is more recent than the moment at which 50% of regions adopted the new funerary ritual (1200 BC). Part of the explanation lies in the quality of data used, and the relevance of right-censoring in the case of inhumation burials. When a majority of regions (50%) adopted the new ritual (1200 BC), 90% of regions still used the traditional practice.

THE PROBABILITIES OF CULTURAL CHANGE AT THE END OF BRONZE AGE

Hazard function of adopting a new ritual at the end of Bronze Age

Use of a different data set

time 0 as the median of the Bayesian interval for the region where cremation first occurred

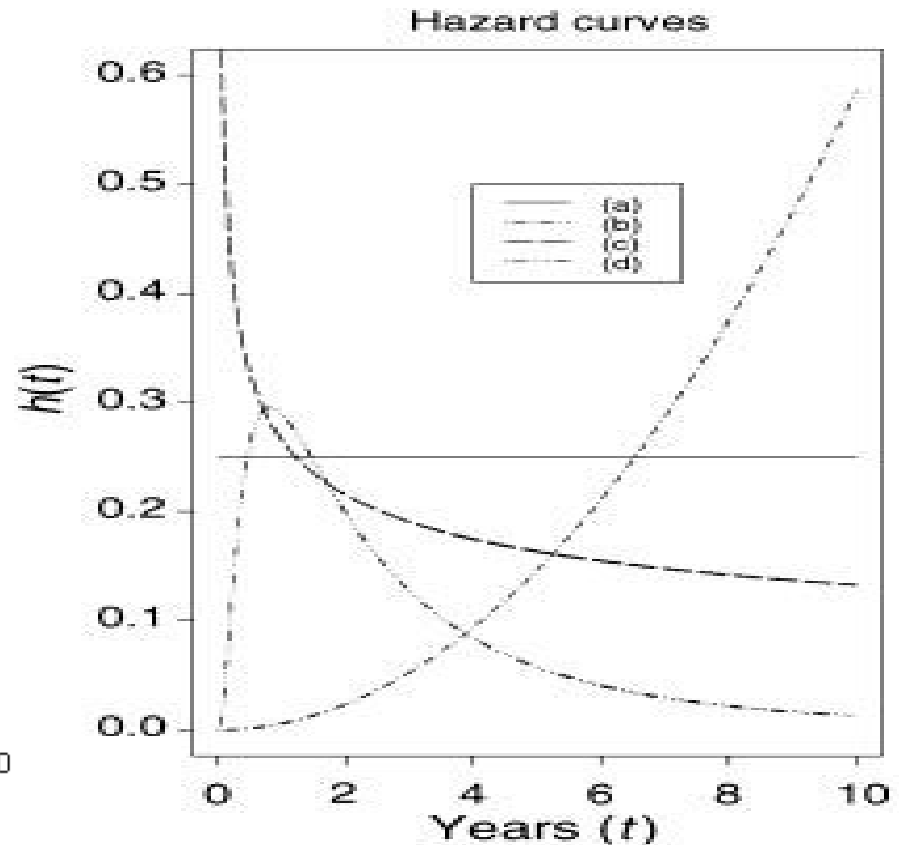
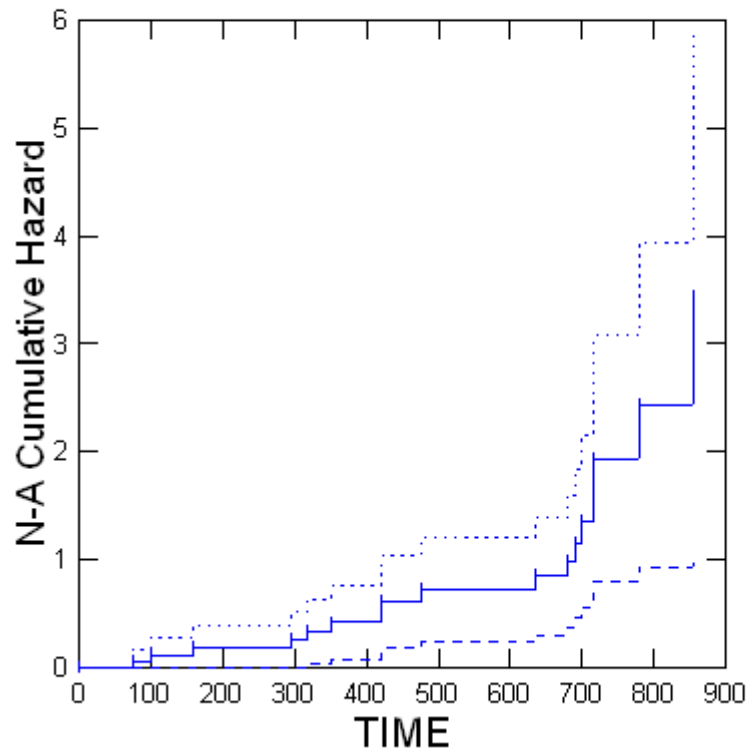
Region	N. Region	Time from 0 (Swiss Plateau)
Ebro Valley	1	854
Barcelona	2	678
W. Pyrenees	3	779
C. Pyrenees	4	317
E. Pyrenees	5	715
Languedoc	6	690
Massif Central	7	635
Provence	8	159
Lower Rhone	9	475
Upper Rhone	10	352
Alsace	11	422
W. Alps	12	717
Swiss Plateau	13	0

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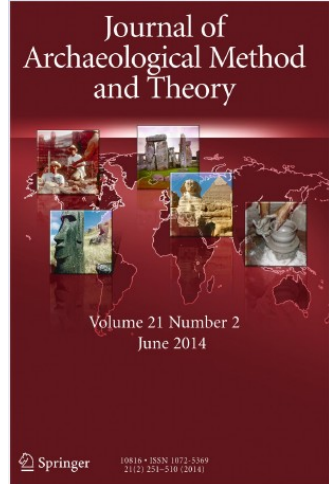
We can plot the cumulative hazard function $H(t)$, or rather an estimate of it. We have used the Nelson-Aalen estimator:

$$H_{NA}(t_l) = \sum_{k=1}^l \frac{d_k}{n_k}.$$

N-A Cumulative Hazard Plot



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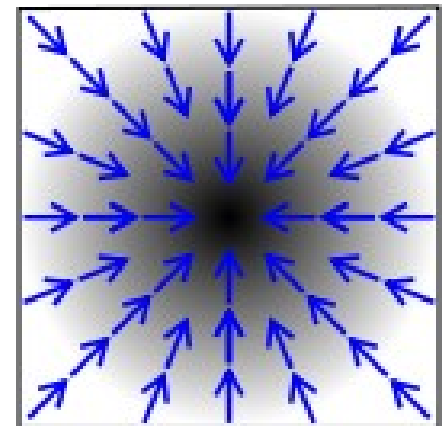
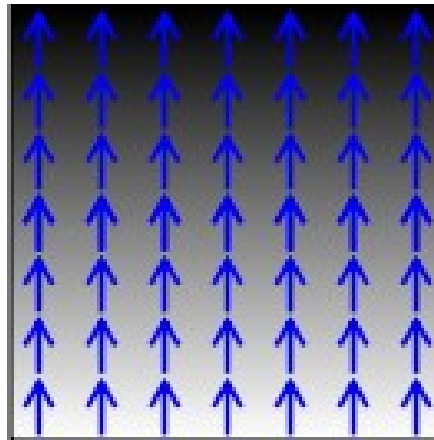
SPACE-TIME DIFFUSION OF THE ADOPTED INNOVATIONS

DETECTING A SPACE-TIME GRADIENT

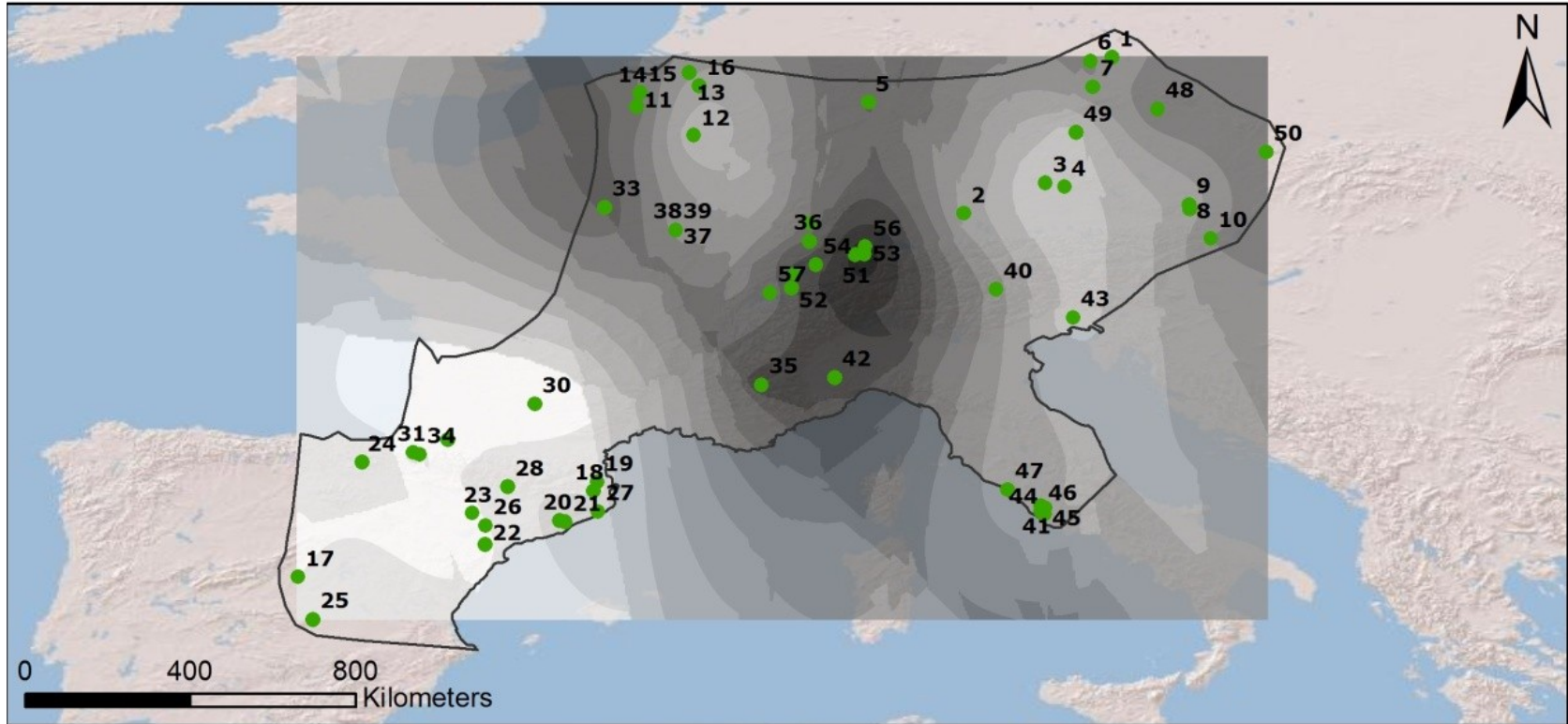
Expansive phenomena in archaeology

When a system expands through time, we can foresee a certain degree of dependence between locations, and this dependence is exactly what gives an appearance of unity to the process.

The formal conditions for an expansive phenomenon are the existence of a spatial gradient and directivity, which implies a similarity in neighboring regions (Tobler's Law).



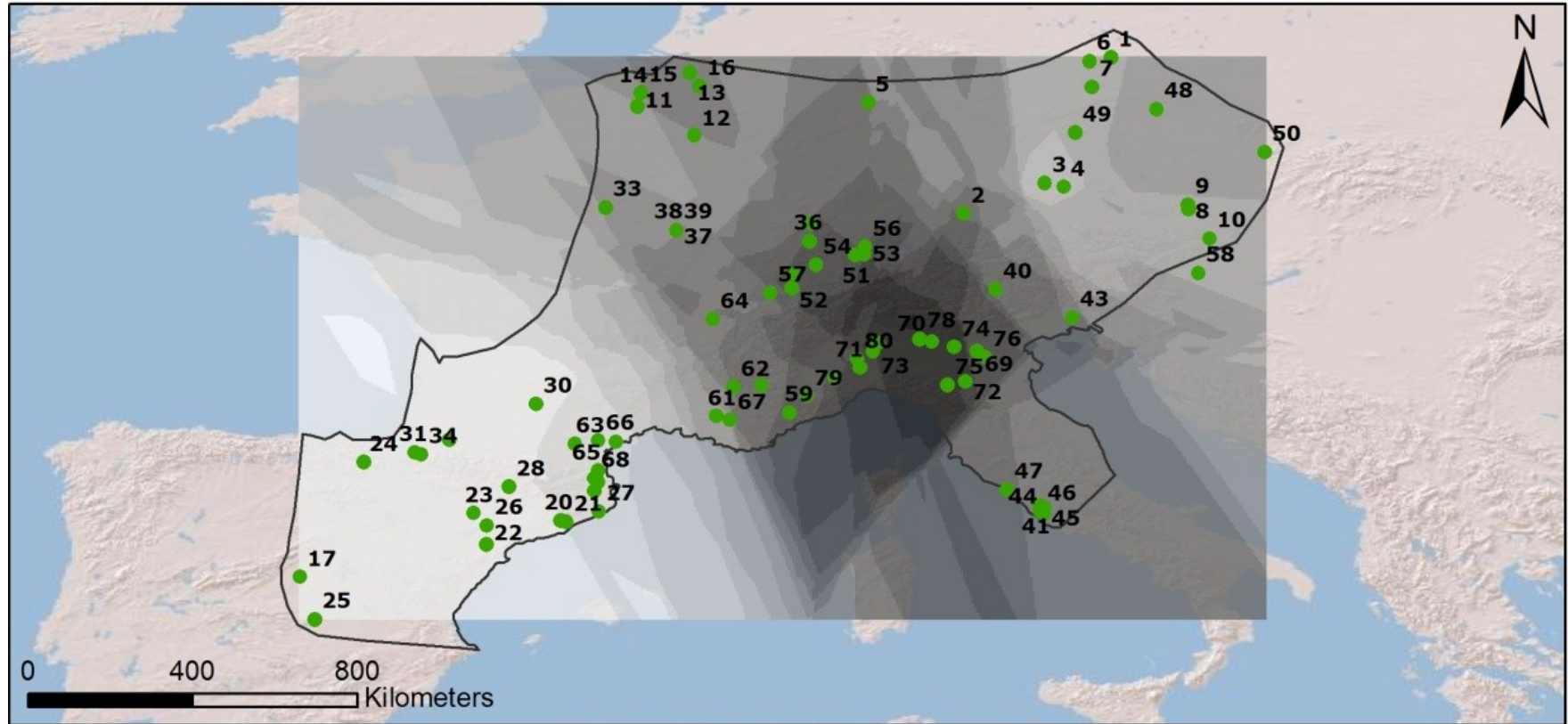
MODELING THE FIRST OCCURRENCE OF CREMATION BURIALS BETWEEN 1800 AND 800 BC IN PROTOHISTORIC EUROPE



Space-time variations in the first occurrence of cremation burials (medians of the calibrated ^{14}C dates). Interpolation has been calculated using a kriging algorithm. Countours represent differences of 50 years. Direccionalidad of the adoption of cremation phenomenon.

We have detected an average rate of expansion of 0.6-1km/year.

SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL VARIATIONS IN THE FIRST OCCURRENCE ^{14}C AND TYPOLOGICALLY DATED CREMATION BURIALS



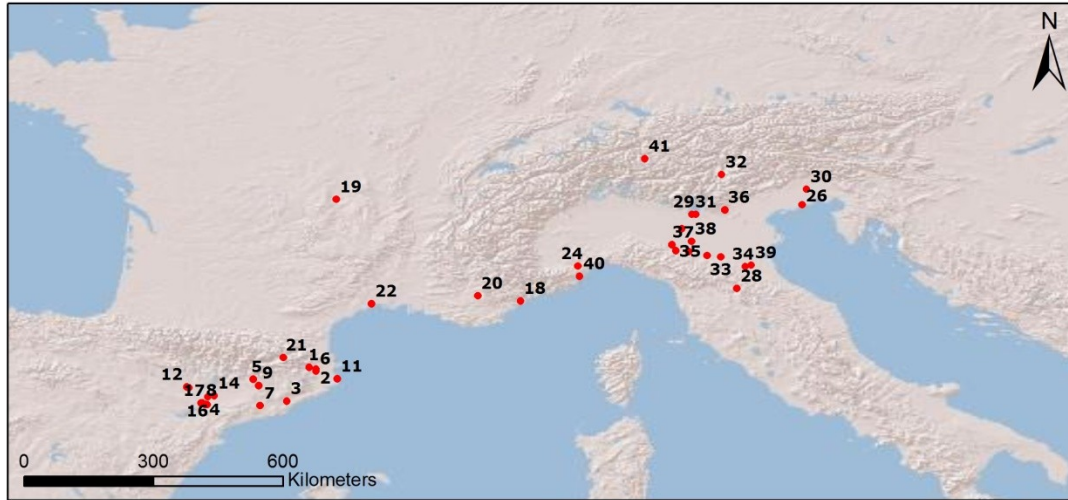
Contours represent differences of 50 years

DIRECTIVITY OF THE 2ND MILLENNIUM CREMATION ADOPTION PHENOMENON



The map contains small arrows at each grid node pointing down the gradient, that is, decrease in chronology: from places where cremations were older to places where such phenomenon appears to be more recent.

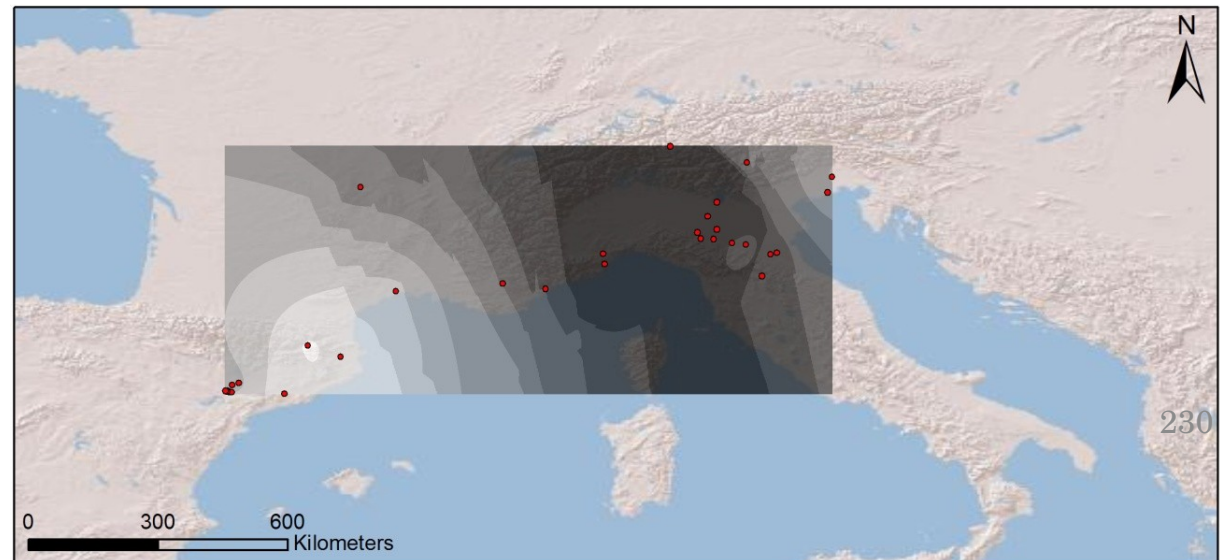
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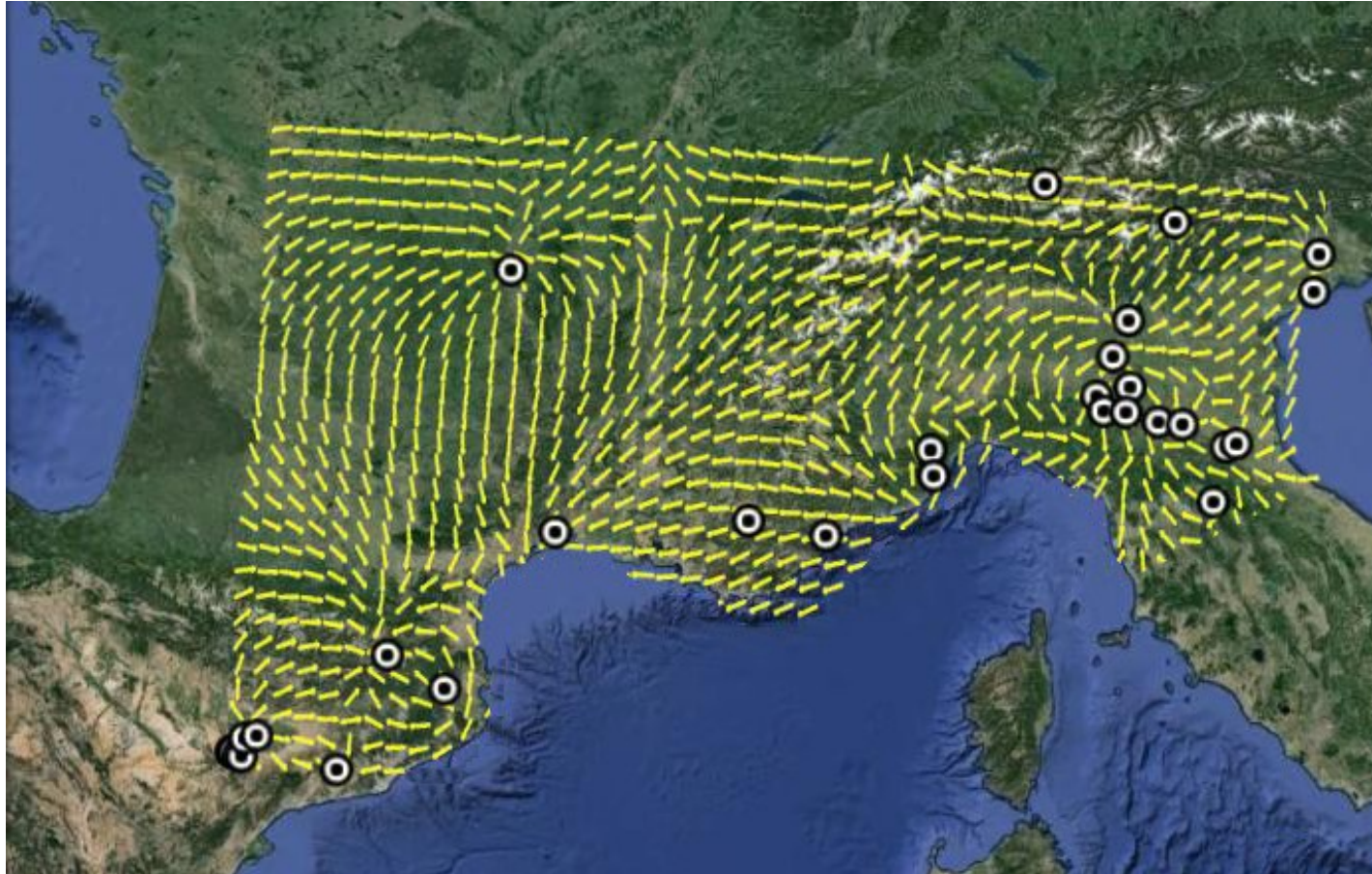
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From East to West
spatio-temporal
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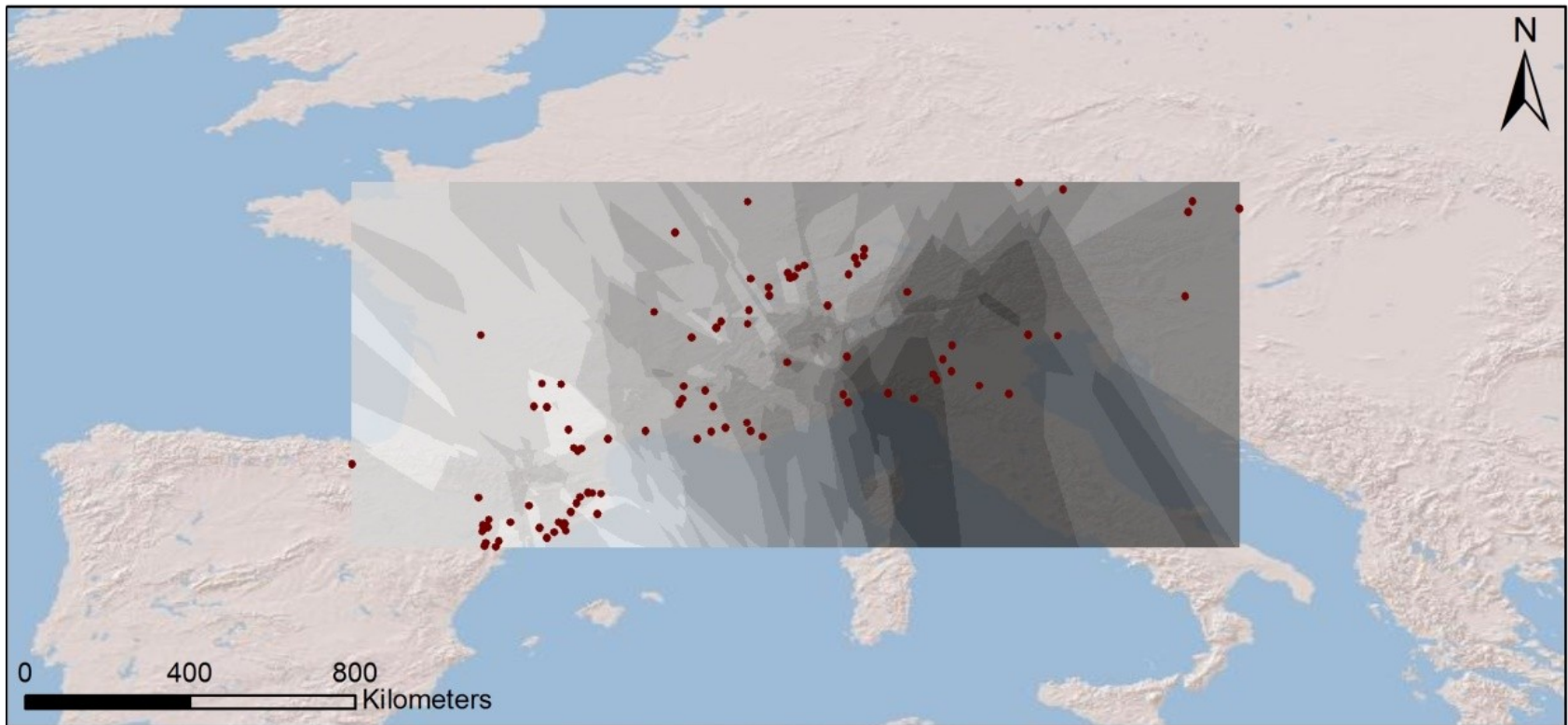


THE DIFFUSION OF VASES WITH HANDLES WITH VERTICAL EXPANSION IN THE MIDDLE AND LATE BRONZE AGE: FROM EAST TO WEST



Map showing the directivity of the vases with handles with vertical expansion adoption phenomenon

NOT ALL THE DIFFUSION PROCESSES FOLLOW THE WAVE OF ADVANCE MODEL...



Spatial and temporal variations in the first occurrence of contexts characterized by the presence of fluted pottery included in the EUBAR database (medians of the calibrated radiocarbon dates). Contours represent differences of 50 years.

CONCLUSIONS:

Cultural Change at the End of Bronze Age



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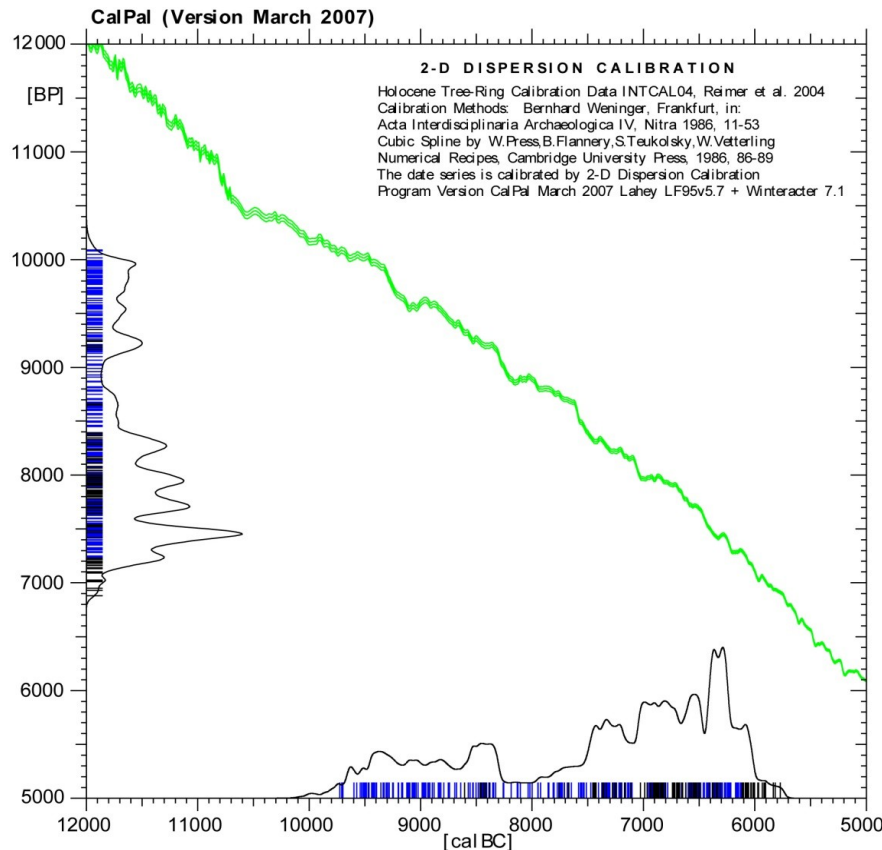
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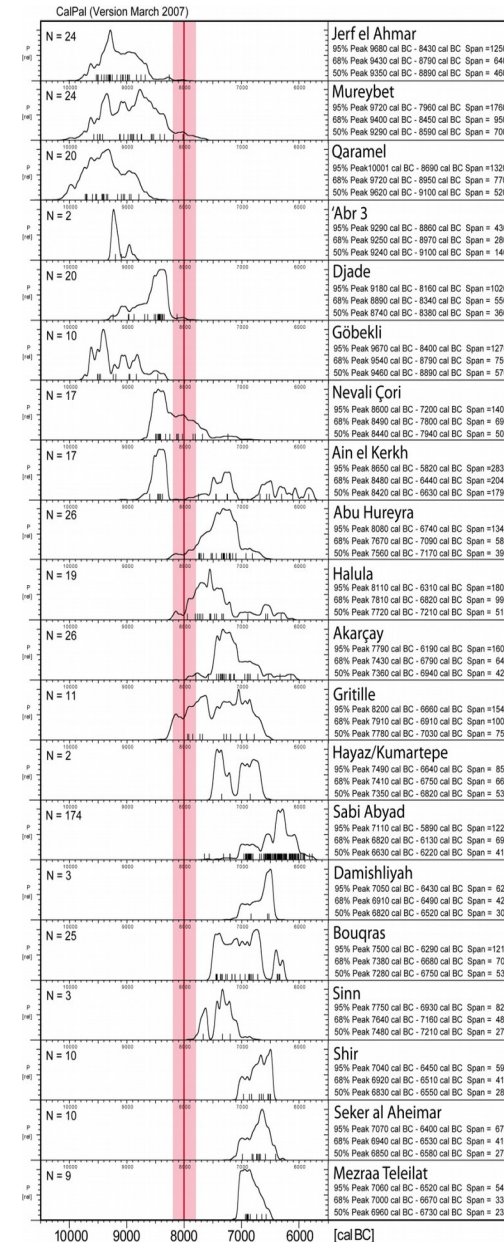
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452 radiocarbon dates, covering a span of ~ 3000 years, between 9700 and 6700 cal BC (From the PPNA to the Early Pottery Neolithic [PN]), shows a significant reduction in the volume of the archaeological signal around 8000 cal BC, indicating that the apparent uninterrupted sequence of settlements from PPNA to PN cannot be taken as unequivocal evidence of settlement continuity



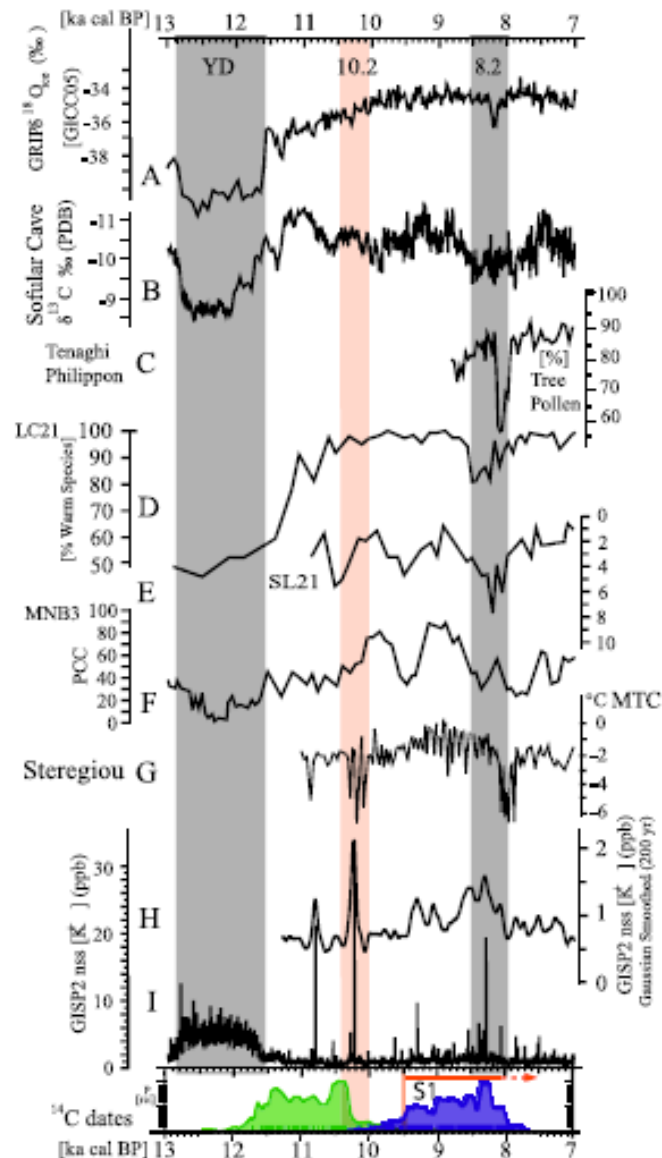


Fig 10. Palaeoclimate proxies from both the Eastern Mediterranean and the North Atlantic. Note the synchrony between 1) the 10.2 cal ky BP RCC and the marked decrease in the archaeological signal in the northern Levant, and 2) the boost observed in the archaeological signal and the beginning of the early Holocene sapropel S1 period (modified from ref. [70]).



What does it mean Spatio-Temporal ANALYSIS?

Distinction and separation of parts of spatio-temporal ordering of archaeological observables in order to know their relational structure,

Qualitative and quantitative examination of spatio-temporal relationships

Solving the where, when and why problems in archaeology.